

Kaduna urges calm as gunmen kill village head, 12 others

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Some bandits have attacked two villages at Kidandan and Kadai, all in the Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State, killing 12 people and injuring scores.

The attacks, it was gathered, happened between Friday and Saturday in the two villages located in the Northern part of Kaduna.

Residents said the bandits came in a large number with sophisticated weapons.

One of them said, “They killed three and wounded four on Friday; and on Saturday night, the gunmen killed nine in Kadai village; four are in critical condition,” a source said.

Although the Kaduna State Police Command has yet to confirm the latest incident, the District Head of Fatika and Kaigaman Zazzau, Alhaji Nuhu Umar, confirmed the attacks.

Meanwhile, the Kaduna State Government has condoled with Kadai and Kidandan following the attacks.

The Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr. Samuel Aruwan, in a statement on Sunday called for calm and prayed for the repose of the souls of victims.

Part of the statement reads partlt, “The governor also appealed to the security agencies to sustain the ongoing onslaught against armed bandits and other criminals engaged in nefarious activities.”

...Kill village head

In a related development, gunmen have killed Alhaji Abubaka Musa, the village head of Runji in Auchan ward of the Ikara Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The village head was killed in the early hours of Sunday by gunmen suspected to be assassins.

It was learnt that the assailants broke into the home of the monarch and shot him dead.

The son of the village head, Suleiman Musa, who’s also the village head of Rafin Rogo, confirmed the incident.

He said his father was shot four times by the attackers.

Suleiman said, “The gunmen invaded the Sarki’s house around 2am on Sunday. They operated without any resistance and killed him at exactly 2.30am.

“They scaled the fence to access the compound, after which they broke into the house and brought him out to his outer lounge, where they shot him.

“The attackers came purposely to kill him, not to collect anything from him because he offered to give them money, but they refused. He offered them his car, they refused. They said they were sent to kill him.”

The Chairman of Ikara LGA, Alhaji Salisu Ibrahim, said the council had deployed security personnel in the area and assured that the perpetrators would be made to face the full weight of the law.

The late village head has since been buried on Sunday, according to Islamic rites.