

S'Kaduna: Gunmen kill three, troops nab farmer for allegedly poisoning cattle

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GUNMEN on Saturday invaded Kamaru Chawai Village in Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State and killed three persons, while one person sustained an injury.

Kamaru Chawai is located in Southern Kaduna and shares a border with Plateau State.

It was learnt that the gunmen, four in number, stormed their victims' compound and opened fire on them, killing them on the spot.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr Samuel Aruwan, who confirmed the attack, gave the names of those killed as Sunday Joshua, Samson Andy, and Mrs Tani Jacob. One John Joshua sustained an injury.

Aruwan said investigations indicated that the gunmen were criminal elements from a neighbouring state who crossed over into the village to carry out the act.

He said the corpses had been handed over to the relevant authorities in Chawai Chieftdom and that the injured victim was receiving treatment in a hospital

in a neighbouring state.

He added that troops were sustaining patrols in the area.

Aruwan said Governor Nasir El-Rufai expressed shock and grief over the attack and condoled with the bereaved families.

"The governor further tasked security agencies to ensure a thorough investigation into the incident," he added.

Similarly, Aruwan said troops reported the arrest of a resident suspected of poisoning cattle in Gindin Dutse village of Jema'a Local Government Area.

"Two cows had died in the village after eating some apparently poisoned cassavas beside a farm.

"Troops trailed and arrested the owner of the farm, who is now undergoing preliminary investigations," Aruwan said.

Meanwhile, the Air Component of the Operation Thunder Strike on Saturday bombed bandits hideouts and killed scores in Birnin-Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr Samuel Aruwan, who confirmed this, listed the settlements bombed as

Sani Maichuku, Alhaji Chorki, Sangeku, Zabiya, Dutsen Magaji, Kotonkoro and adjoining areas.

The commissioner also said some bandits attacked some farmers along the Kaduna-Abuja highway in Chikun Local Government Area of the state.

He said the villagers apprehended two of the bandits

terrorising them and that as result of the beating they received, one of them died while the other suspect was in the custody of the troops.

Aruwan said the information was based on operational feedback from the military.

The commissioner said, "In continuation of offensives over

identified bandits' hideouts, air platforms conducted armed missions over locations in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area.

"According to operational feedback to the Kaduna State Government, armed reconnaissance was carried out over Sani Maichuku, Alhaji Chorki, Sangeku, Zabiya, Dutsen

Magaji, Kotonkoro and adjoining settlements."

Aruwan said Governor Nasir El-Rufai commended the military for another successful round of operations in the Birnin Gwari area and urged them to sustain efforts to deny bandits freedom of action.



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