

# 10 killed in Kaduna auto crash, bandits' attack

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**B**andits on Friday reportedly opened fire on travellers along the Birnin-Gwari Road in Kaduna State, leading to the killing of six persons.

This is just as suspected bandits killed two persons and inflicted gunshot wounds on two women in Ugwan

## Five feared dead in Rivers cult attacks

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**A**t least five persons were feared dead when unidentified gunmen suspected to be cultists invaded Zor-Sogho Community, in the Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State.

It was not clear if the attacks were between rival groups, but it was gathered that the gunmen stormed the community in a commando-style, shot indiscriminately and reportedly killed three men.

A community leader, who spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity for fear of his life, said the hoodlums struck around 10pm on Thursday, forcing many residents to flee.

Meanwhile, a group, Ogoni Youth Development Initiative, has condemned the killings, describing it as barbaric.

The National Coordinator of OYDI, Imeabe Oscar, attributed the killings to activities of cult groups and expressed surprise that some Ogoni youths were still indulging in such a shameful act.

He said, "We are shocked that at

Makada in Dusten Abba Ward, Zaria Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Also, two persons were killed in an auto crash and eight sustained serious injuries while drivers drove against traffic along the Kaduna-Abuja Expressway on Friday.

In the Birnin-Gwari highway attack, it was learnt that the bandits opened fire on the vehicle people were travelling in and the driver lost control.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr. Samuel Aruwan, while confirming the incident, gave the names of those who died in the crash as Abdurrashid Ya'u, Sa'idu Ya'u, Ramatu Ya'u, Suwaiba Ali, Sulaiman Ustaz and an unidentified infant.

According to the commissioner, those who sustained injuries included Ubale Yahuza, Rabi'u Ibrahim, Umar Musa, Saude Yusuf, Mohammed Aminu and Kadima Mercy.

He said, "Security agencies have reported that bandits opened fire on commuters along the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari Road. According to the report, the bandits who were on the run from aggressive patrols in the Birnin Gwari general area took to the highway around Ungwan Dangedda, and as they retreated, shot at several vehicles.

"The driver of one commercial vehicle was hit and lost control of the vehicle, which somersaulted several times before coming to a stop. The bandits then fled the location."

In Ugwan Makada where two persons were killed, the bandits had reportedly invaded the community to kidnap a council official and his family members but vigilantes resisted them.

Aruwan, who confirmed the incident, also said 14 kidnapped persons had regained freedom.

He added, "Those killed were one Musa Isah and Yusufa Suleiman while two women, Hafsat Isah and Fatima Suleiman, sustained gunshot wounds. The bandits also stole four motorcycles from the village."

Aruwan stated that the crash along Kaduna-Abuja road occurred at Olam Farms, a few kilometres from the metropolis, adding that it involved four vehicles as motorists drove against traffic, causing loss of control and the vehicles ramming into one another.

He said, "Two persons died and eight others sustained serious injuries in the auto crash along the Kaduna-Abuja Expressway."

## Lagos butcher arr

Afeez Hanafi

**A** butcher in the Ilasamaja area of Lagos State, Tunji Adeniran, has been arrested for alleged defilement of his two stepdaughters, Ope and Ola (pseudonyms), aged 10 and 14 respectively.

Adeniran, 40, had reportedly been molesting the girls, who are in Primary 5, for a long time until recently when Ola opened up to her class teacher.

City Round learnt that the teacher had during a class last week advised the pupils not to allow anyone touch their private parts when Ola suddenly burst into tears.

After the class, she was said to have taken the teacher into her confidence,