

# Bandits kill one-year-old, 12 others in Kaduna attacks

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**S**ome bandits, in separate attacks on Friday, invaded three local governments area in Kaduna State, killing at least 13 persons, including a one-year-old, and injuring seven others.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr. Samuel Aruwan, in statements, confirmed the attacks, saying the killings were carried out across communities in Zangon Kataf, Kauru and Chikun LGAs.

Aruwan said troops of Operation Safe Haven had alerted the state government to the latest attacks, adding that the bandits first attacked Gora Gan Village in Zango-

Kataf LGA, where they killed one Irmiya Godwin on his way from the farm, while his brother escaped.

2 The commissioner explained that in another incident, the bandits attacked Kizachi Village of Kauru LGA and killed 10 persons, leaving four others injured.

"Fifty-six houses and 16 motorcycles were razed with several barns also raided and burnt," he said.

Aruwan listed those killed to include Esther Bulus, Maria Bulus (one-year-old daughter of Esther), Lami Bulus, Aliyu Bulus, Monday Joseph, Geje Abuba, Wakili Filibus, Yakubu Ali, Dije Waziri and Joseph Ibrahim.

Those who sustained injuries, the commissioner said, were Cecilia

Aku, Yakubu Idi, Godiya Saleh and Moses Adamu, adding that they were receiving treatment in hospital.

3 He added, "Furthermore, Masaka Village in Chikun LGA was attacked. One Duza Bamaiyi was killed and two other persons were injured. Troops mobilised to the location to eventually repel the attack. Similarly, bandits killed one Zakka Pada in Kurmin Kaduna of Chikun LGA, and left one Pada Dalle injured.

"Governor Nasir el-Rufai noted the report with sadness, and prayed for the repose of the souls of the slain, while sending condolences to their families. He wished the injured citizens quick recovery."