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3 Bandits raid Kaduna communities again, kill five residents

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THE Kaduna State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr. Samuel Aruwan has confirmed that five persons were killed in Zango-Kataf and Giwa local government areas on Monday.

The commissioner had earlier in a statement said two persons;

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two soldiers that were missing; it was based on the information that was made available to me.

"But all the same, please I am sorry. It is the responsibility of this government to also join hands with the leadership of the army to see how we can support the bereaved families. May God rest their souls," the governor said.

Among those present at the burial were the Commander of Operation Whirl Stroke, Maj. Gen. Adeyemi Yekini, the Commanding Officer, 72 Battalion, military personnel as well as family members of the deceased soldiers.

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community.

The Chairman of the council, James Pukuma, said on Monday, during the visit of the Speaker of the Adamawa State House of Assembly, that the death toll from the attacks had risen from seven to 10 following the discovery of three more corpses.

Recall that the attacks on Kwapree, was said to have been carried out by Boko Haram terrorists, who killed seven persons and displaced over 5,000 persons.

father and son, whose names were given as Joshua Dauda and his seven-year-old son, Philip, in Wawan village were attacked in Zango-Kataf LGA.

However, while updating the report, the commissioner said the additional two bodies were found by security operatives.

"Further to the initial update on the attack at Wawan Rafin village in Zangon Kataf LGA, security agencies had reported that the bodies of two more victims were found in the area," he said.

Aruwan identified the two victims as Francis Ayuba and a toddler, Florence Dennis, adding that "this brings the number of deaths reported from the attack to four, listed as: Joshua Dauda, Philip Dauda, Francis Ayuba and Florence Dennis."

"Further developments will be communicated to the citizenry as they emerge," he added.

Also, in another development, the commissioner said bandits stormed a sugarcane farm on the outskirts of Iyatawa in Giwa LG and shot dead one Isah Haruna,

a resident of the area.

According to him, security agencies reported that a gang of bandits was repelled at Rugan Bello, a settlement located along the Kajuru-Buda road in the Kajuru Local Government Area of the state.

The commissioner in the statement titled, 'Bandit killed by fleeing companions in Kajuru LGA...Bandits kill one in Giwa LGA', said, "The bandits invaded the village in the early hours of today in an attempt to kidnap locals. They were intercepted and resisted by community vigilante members."

"As the bandits retreated shooting indiscriminately, one of their members was hit by a shot and he died instantly. Similarly, bandits stormed a sugarcane farm on the outskirts of Iyatawa in Giwa LGA. One Isah Haruna, a resident of the area, was shot dead."

"Governor Nasir El-Rufai prayed for the repose of the soul of the slain resident of Iyatawa in Giwa LGA, and sent condolences to his family."

Police rescues four kidnapped passengers in Katsina, five still missing

Meanwhile, the police in Katsina on Monday confirmed the abduction of nine passengers by bandits in the Safana Local Government Area of the state on Sunday.

The victims were part of passengers travelling in a J5 bus with Registration Number: KZR 345 ZT.

It was learnt that the passengers, who were mainly traders, were returning from a market in Jibia when bandits waylaid them along Tsakskiya/Ummadau road in

Safana LGA.

The incident reportedly occurred at 3.30 pm on Sunday.

The spokesman for the Katsina Police Command, Gambo Isah, confirmed the incident.

"What happened was that yesterday (Sunday) at about 15:30 hours, bandits abducted about nine passengers in a J5 bus with Registration number: KZR345ZT. After the incident, the DPO led a team of Operation Puff Adder into the forest."

"They were able to rescue four among those passengers while the remaining five victims were taken away by the bandits. Efforts are on by our operators to rescue the remaining passengers," Isah said.

Independent sources, however, said 18 passengers were inside the vehicle before bandits allegedly kidnapped 15.

However, normalcy returned to Magamar Jibia on Monday where three bandits were killed on Sunday night.

A community leader in the area, Gide Dahiru, told The PUNCH that residents confronted the bandits, leading to the death of three of them, saying, "The rest of the bandits escaped back to the forest."

The Police spokesman, who confirmed the incident, said, "The bandits attacked the residence of one Alhaji Jume of Magamar Jibia. But they were subdued by the joint operation of police, military, vigilante, good fighters and residents."

"The incident lasted for about an hour and the bandits were gunned down. One of the corpses was taken to the police station while two were burnt to ashes by members of the community."