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El-Rufai warns anti-banditry protesters against blocking Abuja-Kaduna highway

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FOLLOWING the Saturday's protest which led to the blockage of Kaduna-Abuja Expressway by residents over attacks by bandits, the Kaduna State Governor, Malam Nasir El-Rufai, has met with the village head and other members of the community in the area.

Recall that the residents of Ungwar Magaji in the Chikun Local Government Area had barricaded the expressway following the killing of a 13-year-old girl.

However, accompanied by the Speaker of the Kaduna State House of Assembly, Yusuf Ibrahim Zailani, the governor interacted with residents of the area.

El-Rufai was initially received at the Kaduna-Abuja road by the

Military deploys

Force Commander, Operation Thunder Strike, Lt. Col. MH Abdullahi, who briefed him on the security situation in area.

According to a statement by the state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr Samuel Aruwan on Sunday, "the Governor held a meeting at Kakkau community which was attended by the village head, Mr. Iliya Garba Zarmai and members of the community."

The governor was quoted to have told residents that the government was doing all it could

to ensure the safety of their lives and property.

The governor, however, warned against blocking of roads, "a practice he described as detrimental to the activities of innocent citizens whose movement is forced to a halt."

He stressed that such actions would offer no solution but only create panic and further breakdown of law and order.

Recalled that within the last one week, security agencies reported to the Kaduna State Government several incidences of attacks by

bandits which left some citizens dead in Kakkau, Damba-Kasaya,

Twitter usage: SERAP sues Buhari, Lai, alleges FG curtailing free speech

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THE Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project has sued the Federal Government and the Minister of Information and Culture, Mr Lai Mohammed, at the Federal High Court in Abuja over the directive to all broadcast stations in the country to suspend the use of Twitter.

The National Broadcasting

Kankomi, Kajuru town, Idasu, Karaukarau, and Sobawa villages

in Chikun, Igabi, Giwa and Kajuru local government areas.

Commission had given the directive following the suspension of Twitter operations in Nigeria by the Federal Government over alleged use of the platform for activities the government said were capable of undermining the existence of Nigeria.

In the suit filed on behalf of SERAP by its lawyers Kolawole

Oluwadare, Kehinde Oyewumi and Opeyemi Owolabi, the body urged the court to stop the Federal Government and Mohammed from using "their patently unlawful directive to all TV and radio stations not to use Twitter, and to delete their accounts as a pretext to harass, intimidate, suspend or impose criminal punishment on journalists and broadcast stations simply for using social media platforms."

The group, in the suit number FHC/ABJ/CS/496/2021, sought an order restraining the government of the President, Major General Muhammadu Buhari (ret'd.), the NBC, and Mohammed and any other persons from censoring,

