

Gunmen attack Zango Kataf again, kill 12

Godwin Isenyo

SOME gunmen suspected to be herdsman have invaded Peigyim village, near Kibori, Atyp Chiefdom in the Atyp Chiefdom of Zango-Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State, killing 12 persons.

The attack, a source said, happened on Sunday evening during a downpour.

Although there was no official confirmation from the state police command, the spokesperson for the Southern Kaduna Peoples Union, Mr. Luka Binniyat, confirmed the attack.

Binniyat said, "It is very true. They also killed another man in Atakshusho village about 3km from the initial scene of crime as they were retreating to make an escape.

"That will bring to 13 those killed in Atyp land, in Zangon Kataf LGA in the past 24 hours. As usual, no one has been apprehended. We are awaiting details of the killings after which we shall issue a statement later today."

The latest attack was coming in less than 24 hours after the murder of an ECWA Church Pastor, Rev. Silas Yakubu Ali, in the same council on Saturday.

The cleric was said to have been macheted to death by his assailants.

The source said, "They (attackers) came while it was

raining and divided themselves into groups. They targetted specific houses and when done, they left immediately.

"Scores of the villagers are missing at the moment. It's impossible for one to ascertain the number of those injured and even those killed, but so far, I have counted and found 11 dead bodies in different locations this (Monday) morning."

Kano Assembly summons SIRS chairman

Tukur Muntari, Kano

THE Kano State House of Assembly has summoned the Chairman of the State Internal

Rescue kidnapped PDP chieftain, driver, group begs Obaseki

Adeyinka Adedipe, Benin

Achieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party and leader of the party in Edo South Senatorial District, Owere Imasogie, has been reportedly kidnapped alongside his driver.

The incident was said to have happened around 7am Monday morning.

A source closed to the family said, "He was kidnapped in his farm around Obada area in Uhunmwonde LGA. He was with his driver when the incident happened."

Kaduna confirms killings

Confirming the development, the Kaduna State Government said no fewer than 12 persons were killed while two persons were injured during the attack on Peigyim village, near Kibori, Atyp Chiefdom.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said those injured by the assailants

were currently receiving medical attention in an undisclosed hospital.

The commissioner gave the names of those killed as Philbia Ysuaf, Suzanna Ezekiel, Rahib Alex, Ishaku Bamaiyi, Deborah Ishaku, Tinat Bamaiyi,

Zichat Kefas, Sunday Daniel, Hauwa Gabriel, Fedelia Famson and Sadia Donald and Goodness Kefas.

Revenue Service, Abdulrazak Salihi, to appear before it over activities of the board.

The House Majority Leader and member representing

Warawa Constituency, Labaran Madari, in a matter of urgent public interest, moved the motion for the invitation during a plenary session on Monday.

The motion was seconded by the Deputy Majority Leader, Abdullahi Yaryasa, member representing Tudun Wada Constituency.

The House unanimously agreed and the Speaker, Hamisu Chidari, announced the invitation of the chairman to the House on Tuesday.

A statement issued by the Director Press of the Assembly, Uba Abdullahi, indicated that the House had also received a letter from Governor Abdullahi Ganduje for the screening and subsequent confirmation for the appointment of Members of Kano State House of Assembly Service Commission in compliance with basic provisions of Section Four subsection one.

As of the time of filing this report, the police had yet to confirm or make any statement on the development, but a group; Edo State Decide Movement, in a statement, called on the State Governor, Godwin Obaseki, to rescue the old man.

The statement partly reads, "As matter of urgency, we call on the State Governor, Godwin Obaseki, to take a drastic action as to rescue the father to all and others from the hands of the hoodlums or kidnappers who are enemies of progress in our dear state."