

Bank of the rear award to UBA Group at the UBA House in Lagos... on Thursday. Photo: UBA Plc

Death toll in Sokoto bandit attacks now 52 – Police

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FIFTY two persons have been confirmed dead within 72 hours as a result of bandit attacks across Sokoto State.

Governor Aminu Tambuwal had earlier confirmed 15 people dead – 12 in Iella Local Government Area and three in Goronyo LGA.

However, at the governor visited the places on Wednesday, the toll had risen to 43.

Villages attacked include Kalmalo, Munwadata, Sarma, Runji, Tunbulunkun, Tafkin Taramniya and Masasa.

However, in addition to the 43 persons killed as confirmed by Tambuwal, the Sokoto State Police Command on Thursday said three villages in Sabon Birni LGA were also attacked,

leaving nine people dead.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Abubakar Sanusi, told our correspondent on Thursday that nine persons were killed

in the separate attacks that took place between 15th, 16th, and 17th of November 2021.

ASP Sanusi said, "The first attack, which took place at Garin Zago in Sabon Birni LGA

resulted in the death of three persons while others were kidnapped.

"On the 16th of November, 2021, a vehicle was attacked in Gaji village but no casualty was

vaccination is criminal appropriate sanctions shall be applied once caught."

recorded.

"The third attack took place on the 17th of November, 2021 at Sangirawa village where six persons were killed by assailants."

Reps bill to end degree, HND dichotomy for third reading

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A bill seeking to end the dichotomy between a university degree and Higher National Diploma awarded by any polytechnic is billed for third reading at the House of Representatives.

The bill proposes to make it a crime for any person or organisation, both in the public and private sectors, to discriminate against HND certificate holders.

The House on Thursday adopted the report by the Committee on Tertiary

Education and TETFund on the Prohibition of Discrimination between First Degrees and Higher National Diplomas (HND) Bill, 2021, as a Committee of the Whole.

The legislation is titled, 'A Bill for an Act to Abolish and Prohibit Dichotomy and Discrimination between First Degree and Higher National Diploma in the Same Profession/Field for the Purpose of Employment; and for Related Matters.'

On equity of First Degree and HND in Nigeria, the bill says, "Notwithstanding any provision in any legislation, circular, regulation or policy guideline,

in the public and private sectors of the Nigerian economy."

On prohibition of discrimination between a degree and HND, the bill proposes that, "All forms of discriminations and or dichotomy between First Degree and Higher National Diplomas for the purpose of employment, transfer of service, conversion of cadre, career progression, promotion, and other related issues in the public and private sectors of the Nigerian economy is hereby abolished.

"Any person or entity in the public or private sectors

N1,000,000 or both.

"Any person or entity in the public or private sectors of the Nigerian economy who design, prescribe and or specify any guidelines, terms or conditions employment, career progression and or any other instrument by whatsoever name called in violation of the provisions of this bill shall be guilty of an offence under this bill and liable upon conviction to a term of one year imprisonment or fine of N500,000 (five hundred thousand naira) or both."

Meanwhile, the House also adopted the report by the

secondary school students over gang