

Travellers' killings, kidnapping on Abuja-Kaduna highway shameful, unacceptable – ACF

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PAN-NORTHERN socio-political organisation, Arewa Consultative Forum, says it's becoming agitated by bandits' attack along the Kaduna-Abuja expressway.

The body described unrestrained attacks by terrorists as 'national shame'.

The ACF through its National Publicity Secretary, Emmanuel Yawe, in a statement in Kaduna on Monday, said continued attacks on citizens by bandits were

unacceptable.

In an apparently reference to the kidnaping and killing of travellers including a governorship aspirant in Zamfara state, Alhaji Hamida Sagir, on Sunday, the umbrella body of the North, called on both the federal and state governments to save Nigerians from terrorists.

The statement read, "The Arewa Consultative Forum is becoming agitated by the unrestrained acts of terrorism on the strategic highway between Abuja, the federal capital, and Kaduna, the former capital of the defunct Northern Region.

"On a daily basis, Nigerians

are being terrorised, kidnapped and killed without let on this road. This is a national shame and it's completely unacceptable to our forum.

"The latest victim of this act of terror is Alhaji Hamida Sagir, a retired director of protocol at the Federal Capital Development Authority FCDA and a governorship aspirant in Zamfara State who was shot and killed at Rijama.

"Indeed, Rijama has become a popular spot where these terrorist attacks are committed on a daily and routine basis."

It added that security agencies

must overcome the challenge.

Meanwhile, a former governor of Zamfara State, Alhaji Abdul Aziz Yari, has mourned the death of Sagir, who was killed by bandits along Abuja-Kaduna highway.

This was contained in a statement issued to journalists in Gusau on Monday signed by the Chairman, Publicity Committee of Yari-led APC faction, Alhaji Ibrahim Magaji.

Yari described the death of Sagir as a great loss not only to his immediate family but also to the entire people of the state and the nation in general.