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Death toll in fresh Kaduna attacks rises to 38

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KADUNA State Governor, Nasir El-Rufai, has expressed sadness over the attacks carried out by bandits on three communities in Giwa Local Government Area of the state, leaving 38 persons dead.

This is just as the state government on Sunday released the names of 29 out of the 38 victims of the attacks.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home

NUPRC attributes Port Harcourt fuel scarcity to diversion

Dennis Naku, Port Harcourt

THE Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission has blamed some retail outlet owners for the fuel scarcity being experienced in some

Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, disclosed this in a statement on Sunday.

According to the commissioner, the communities invaded by the bandits are Kauran Fawa, Marke and Riheya.

Aruwan, who was not specific on when the attack took place, also said many houses, vehicles and other valuables were destroyed during the attacks.

He however said security agencies confirmed to the state government that 38 people were

killed across the communities attacked by the bandits.

According to him, 29 of the victims have been identified while the remaining nine are yet to be identified.

The commissioner listed those killed by the bandits to include Rabi'u Wada, Salisu Boka, Alhaji Nura Nuhu, Alhaji Bashari Sabiu, Alhaji Lawal Dahiru, Abbas Saidu, Inusa Kano, Lawal Nagargari, Malam Aminu and Lawal Maigyad.

Others are Alhaji Mustapha, Lawal Aliyu, Sale Makeri, Sani Lawal, Auwal Umar, Jamilu Hassan, Badamasi Mukhtar, Malam Jibril, Lawal Tsawa and Sule Hamisu.

They also include Sadi Bala, Kabiru Gesha, Abubakar Sanusi, Saiph Abdul, Haruna Musa,

Lawal Hudu, Malam and Shuaibu Habibu, Yahaya Habibu and Abubakar Yusuf.

Following the report of attacks by bandits across villages in Idasu, Giwa Local Government Area contained in an earlier update, security agencies have confirmed to the Kaduna State Government that 38 people were killed across the locations attacked.

"Twenty-nine of the victims have been identified, with nine remaining unidentified as of the time of this update," the commissioner said.

In an earlier statement, the commissioner quoted El-Rufai as having commiserated with the bereaved families.

The statement read, "Governor Nasir El-Rufai received the reports with sadness

and sent condolences to the families of the victims of the brutal attacks while praying for the repose of their souls.

"The governor also commiserated with the affected communities and directed the Kaduna State Emergency

Management Agency to conduct an urgent assessment of the area towards providing relief.

"The identities of the victims will be published once further details are confirmed by the Kaduna State Government. In the meantime, security agencies have sustained patrols in the general area."

Amotekun summons Ondo, Ekiti, Oyo boundaries' corps over incessant abductions

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THE leadership of Osun Security Network codenamed Amotekun corps has summoned the area commanders of local government areas sharing boundaries with Ekiti, Ondo and Oyo States, following recent abduction of a farmer and his wife in Esa Oke.

The farmer, London Omoru, and his wife, Blessing, were abducted in their home at Agric Area, Esa Oke.

While security operatives rescued the wife, the husband was released in a forest in Aramoko, Ekiti State after ransom was paid.

Reacting to the incident in an interview with *The PUNCH* on Sunday, the state commander, Osun Amotekun Corps, Brig. Gen.