JUST IN: Terrorists kill 12 in Kaduna market attack

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Terrorists, on Wednesday, reportedly attacked and killed 12 persons at Maro Junction, a weekly Market in Maro Ward, Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

A former chairman of the local government, Cafra Caino, who confirmed the development to PUNCH Online, said the assailants invaded the market around 3pm on Wednesday and opened fire.

According to him, 12 bodies have been recovered while 20 others who sustained various degrees of injuries have been taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

He explained that it was the second time the weekly market had been attacked while business owners and customers transacting businesses.

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"The situation is critical and has thrown residents around the area into confusion while they scampered for safety in neighbouring villages.

"Security operatives drafted to the area have already left. We are appealing to the government to deploy security operatives to help restore normalcy," he said.

Meanwhile, the state Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Mansir Hassan, did not respond to calls and text messages sent to him by our correspondent as of the time of filling this report.