

APC criticises Dauda for partying in Enugu

Maiharaji Altine, Gusau



• Dauda

THE Zamfara chapter of the All Progressives Congress has accused Governor Dauda Lawal of abandoning the state in its deplorable state of insecurity to celebrate in Enugu.

The party particularly noted that when the security situation in Zamfara keeps deteriorating by the day with wanton killings, the governor was busy savouring his celebration mood in Enugu State.

In a statement, the spokesperson of the party, Yusuf Idris said, 54 persons have been killed, while hundreds were kidnapped in just one week and the Governor could have the courage to be dancing in Enugu alongside his counterparts who are PDP Governors.

Idris lamented, "It is precarious to see a leader like Governor Dauda Lawal showing nonchalance to the plight of his people having left

the state in mourning to dance his life away along with his colleagues, PDP governors in Enugu.

"The Governor who released his trending video to the world on social media, is seen happily flanked in Igbo attire in a

line dancing with other PDP governors barely a day after scores were killed in his state as if nothing had happened.

"Just to mention a very few recent cases in this current month of July, 2024; on the 8th, bandits attacked Kofar Jangebe

situated in the central hub of Gusau, killing a policeman and a security guard to Alhaji Isiya Lalan whose son the assailants also abducted.

"Shortly after, there was the attack on the 12th by bandits on Yartasha community of Maru Local Government where 11 persons were reportedly killed and an unspecified number of others whisked away into the bushes.

"On the following day, the 13th, in the Tsafe town of Tsafe Local Government, about 30km from the state capital, Gusau was attacked by the criminals who killed one person and abducted many others.

"Again, on the 14th, Maguru town in Kaura Namoda Local Government was hit, leaving 20 dead while many, including women and children, were abducted with animals rustled.

"On the 15th was Magami's turn in Gusau Local Government for the bandits

as bandits kill Zamfara residents

who unleashed their terror on the community, killing 10 people and abducting yet others.

This was closely followed on the 16th, when the bandits laid siege on Dan-Isah village, killing 11 persons and abducting others."

Idris who expressed disgust over the timeline of these dastardly act, stressed that

when all these were taking place, the governor and his government watch without any help in sight while the people groan under insecurity, perpetual fear and hardship.

He reminded the governor of one of his major campaign promises in 2023, where he said he would eliminate banditry in the state within his first one month in office.

"Today, after one year and counting, the people of the state could only see the governor on television stations and social media platforms within and outside the country enjoying highlife with his friends, family members and colleagues while his state bleeds perpetually.

"We wish to plead with the governor to remember his promises and the current role

he occupies so that he can reverse these unbecoming attitudes for the better.

"As a party, we commend the efforts of the security agencies in the state for their dedication and sacrifice to the people of the state.

"We equally extend our heartfelt condolences to the affected families and pray Almighty Allah to accept their shahadat and give their respective families the fortitude to bear the irreplaceable lose," Idris concluded.

Reps committee visits Bauchi projects, canvasses improved funding for NEDC

Umar Sani, Bauchi

THE House of Representatives Committee on the North-east Development Commission, following a surprise-visit to the project sites in Bauchi, hailed the commission and called for more funding to enable it sustain its developmental strides across the region.

The committee led by

Magumeri, Kaga, and Gubio, Usman Zannah made the recommendation as part of the committee's findings to be submitted to the House of Representatives after a two-day oversight visit to Bauchi on Friday.

Zannah, while expressing satisfaction with the critical infrastructure put in place by the commission across the



• Some of the visiting Reps inspecting the Bauchi NEDC projects during the visit