been under intense pressures from his loyalists to seek for an alternative political plat-

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An aide of the national chairman of the party, who

but I am sure it has to do with what's gong on in Abia State." Kalu said: "It was a priship position, when he knew, ahead of time, that he had a candidate in mind.

## Gunmen kill 10 in Kaduna

## FROM NOAH EBIJE, KADUNA

o fewer than
10 people were
killed in the early hours of yesterday by unknown gunmen at Angwan Dauda
village in Sanga Local
Government area of Kaduna State. Among those
brutally killed were a oneyear-old baby, the mother
and the father while they
were sleeping.

Eye witnesses told Daily
Sun that, the bandits who
were armed with sophisticated
weapons engaged soldiers in
gun duel for hours before they
(the bandits) retreated into

nearby bush. According to the source who is a councillor from the area, Mr. Shehu Ajetu, the gunmen 'suspected to be Fulani herdsmen' invaded the village at a bout 2:00am and opened fire on the community.

He said about 10 people were killed, while several others who sustained injuries from gun shots were rushed to the hospital. "Several houses were also set ablaze by the rampaging Fulani herdsmen.

"The attack came as a surprise and it has shattered the
effort being made to ensure
peaceful coexistence between
us and the fulanis. This attack
was very surprising because
efforts were being made to
restore peace in our commu-

attacks on our communities which led to the killing of hundreds of people and the destruction of their property. "They came in the night, they were heavily armed and started shooting sporadically at people.

This attack is a great set back to the peace process between our people and the Fulani herdsmen. "Our people have been complaining of how the Fulani herdsmen have been destroying farm produce, they have been going about chasing away people who are harvesting their farm producing and putting their cows to destroy everything.

"It is a very sad situation

and our people are becoming helpless as they have no weapons to confront this wicked act", he noted with dismay.

Meanwhile, a human rights group, Centrum Initiative for Fundamental Rights Advocacy (CEDRA) has condemned the attack.

The group in a statement by their spokesman, Dr. John Danfulani blamed the Kaduna state government for its failure to take decisive action to end the persistent attacks by Fulani gunmen in the state.

The group said that the government of Kaduna state has failed and has nothing more to offer in handling the ferocious killings.

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