

Kaduna: Bandits kill 23, injure 3 in 5 LGAs

From **Noah Ebije** Kaduna

RAMPAGING bandits yesterday killed 23 persons in fresh attacks across five Local Government Areas of Kaduna State.

The deadly attacks happened in Birnin Gwari, Giwa, Chikun, Igabi and Kauru LGAs respectively.

However, one bandit was killed as indigenes repelled the attack in Chikun LGA.

A Statement by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, stated: "Following the security situation across the state within the last 24 hours, the Kaduna State Government has received reports from security agencies of the killing of 23 citizens in different attacks on soft targets in Birnin Gwari, Giwa, Chikun, Igabi and Kauru LGAs.

"The attacks on soft targets in these local government areas occurred around Kaduna state's boundaries with neighbouring states.

① "In Birnin Gwari LGA, 10 citizens were killed by bandits in an attack

on Ungwan Gajere, Kutemeshi ward. Three persons were injured in the attack.

② "In Igabi LGA, bandits shot dead one Dayyabu Yahuza, between Sar-kin Baka and Dankyawai village.

near Gidan Kurmi. In Giwa LGA, armed bandits invaded Janbaba vil-

lage, one Yakubu Sule was shot dead. ④ In Kishisho village, Kauru, gunmen suspected to be from a neighboring state killed five persons.

⑤ "In Chikun, five citizens were

killed by bandits in Gwagwada-Kasaya village in Kunai ward. Similarly, in Agwa, Chikun LGA, one Bitrus Joseph was shot dead in an attack by bandits.

③ Also in Chikun, one bandit was killed near Bugai, when members of the community repelled the attack.

"Receiving the reports, Governor Nasir El-Rufai, expressed sadness over the attacks. The Governor, sent his condolences to the families that lost their loved ones. He offered

prayers for the repose of the souls of the slain, and a speedy recovery for the injured.

"As of the time of this security update, the air platforms of the Nigerian Air Force are trailing and engaging bandits in some locations in Chikun, Birnin Gwari, Giwa and Igabi LGAs, and citizens will be briefed upon the receipt of operational feedback.

El-Rufai wishes the military success in the ongoing operation as he awaits reports".

Zamfara: Repentant bandit leader, 5 others surrender 20 AK47, RPG gun, ammunition

From **Mohammed Munirat Nasir**, Gusau

A suspected bandits commander, Auwalun Daudawa and five others have surrendered 20 AK-47 rifles, RPG gun and other dangerous weapons as they embraced the Zamfara dialogue and peace initia-

tive.

Daudawa, said he took the decision to drop arms due to the sincerity shown by Governor Matawalle in curbing banditry and other crimes in the state.

The repentant bandits commander said he was dropping his old ways not because of fear but out of sincere

commitment to support the peace initiative of Matawalle.

"I have participated in many deadly battles (operations) but up till today that I am surrendering my weapons, I thank Allah that I never got even a wound," he said.

Auwalun Daudawa said he was no more interested in going back to the forest and requested to be allowed to stay in Gusau so as for him