

# Bandits on rampage, kill 9 in fresh attacks in Kaduna LGAs

From **Noah Ebije**, Kaduna

**BANDITS**, yesterday, killed no fewer than nine persons in Birnin Gwari and Giwa Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Kaduna State

Security report said the bandits barricaded the roads and shot sporadically at the people in the areas.

A statement by the Commissioner for Internal security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan said, "Security agencies have reported that armed bandits killed nine citizens in separate attacks spanning Birnin Gwari and Giwa local government areas.

"According to the report, the armed bandits barricaded the Dogon Dawa-Kuvello road, after Ungwan Gajere village of Birnin Gwari LGA, and shot six people dead.

"Similarly, at Ungwan Maje, also of Birnin Gwari LGA, armed bandits shot and killed two persons.

"Armed bandits also attacked

Kwama village in Giwa LGA and killed one Nasiru Rufai, after he resisted their attempts to kidnap him.

"Governor Nasiru El-Rufai noted the report with sadness, and prayed for the repose of the souls of those slain, while sending condolences to their families".

## 2019 election: Uniuyo don bags 3 years imprisonment for electoral fraud

From **Joe Effiong**, Uyo

A professor of Soil Physics in the University of Uyo, Peter Ogban, has been sentenced to 36 months imprisonment for electoral fraud.

Ogban has also been fined N100,000.00 on another count charge also bordering on electoral malpractices after he pleaded for leniency.

Akwa Ibom State High Court 2, sitting in Ikot Ekpene, found Ogban guilty on the case of electoral fraud levelled against him by the Independent

National Electoral Commission (INEC),

Which eventually dragged him to court on two-count charge of fraudulently tampering with the election results in favour of the All Progressives Congress (APC) party, during the 2019 General Election in Akwa Ibom North West Senatorial District.

Ogban, who acted as the Collation/Returning Officer during the National Assembly elections was accused of manipulating and falsifying the scores of election results in Oruk Anam and

Etim Ekpo local government areas in favour of APC.

In his ruling, the Presiding Judge, Justice Augustine Odokwo, sentenced the accused to 36 months of correctional service and fined him N100,000.00 for count 2 and 1, respectively.

The accused had pleaded for mercy on the premise that he has dependents, including a 90-year old mother to take care of, adding that he was a respectable member of his community and a very valuable and sought-after lecturer in the department of Soil Science, in both University of Uyo and University of Calabar.

He said, "If I lose my source of income, it means all my dependants will suffer, especially my aged mother.