

Fresh attacks: Bandits kill 3 in Kaduna communities

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THREE persons were, yesterday, killed by bandits in Kajuru and Igabi local government areas of Kaduna State.

Giving security update, Commissioner for Internal

security and home affairs, Samuel Aruwan added that two suspected 'doctors' who rendered medical help to the bandits were arrested by security operatives.

"Several attacks and arrests have been reported by security agencies within the last 48 hours.

"According to the reports, armed bandits invaded Rafin Roro village, Kajuru local government area. One Barnabas Isa, a resident of the village, was shot dead.

"Eleven expended rounds of AK-47 ammunition were found at the location. Security

patrols are proceeding with investigations in the general area.

"Similarly, one Suleiman Yunusa was killed by bandits at a settlement near Maraban Jos, Igabi local government area.

"Bandits also killed one Musa Bala at the outskirts of Garu village, Igabi LGA, after rustling an unspecified number of cows belonging to Salmanu Beti, his brother.

"Security operatives gave pursuit and exchanged gunfire with the bandits. One bandit was found wandering in the forest, as the others escaped with gunshot wounds.

"Furthermore, two suspects, Ibrahim Bala and Salisu Yusuf, were arrested by the Police in Buruku, Chikun LGA, for providing medical services to bandits.

"Receiving the reports, Governor Nasir El-Rufai expressed sadness as he prayed for the repose of the slain citizens, and sent condolences to their families.

"The Governor commended the Kaduna State Police Command for the arrests in Chikun LGA, and urged that thorough investigations be pursued to closure."

Sanwo-Olu signs bill to establish anti-corruption commission

By **Lukman Olabiya**

LAGOS Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, yesterday signed a bill to establish the Public Complaints and Anti-corruption Commission.

He also assented to the Lagos State Lotteries and Gaming Authority Bill.

The House of Assembly passed the bill for the Public Complaints and Anti-corruption Commission in December 2020. The law empowers the government to establish the Public Complaints and Anti-Corruption Commission to ensure accountability from public officials entrusted with public funds.

It will empower the agency to investigate any official accused of misappropriating public fund,

freeze accounts and search any property suspected to be used for such purposes (subject to court order).

The gaming and lotteries law is to allow for the regulation of betting and gaming sectors, and especially the online agencies.

Commissioner for Justice, Moyosore Onigbanjo, said since inception of the Sanwo-Olu administration, 26 bills have been sent for assent out of which eight have become laws. The two signed yesterday brings the number to 10.

Chairman of the House of Assembly Committee on Finance, Rotimi Olowo, said the laws were steps towards achieving the Lagos dreams.

Governor Sanwo-Olu said the Anti-Corruption law was part of measures to ensure the people's trust is

not betrayed.

He said the anti-corruption commission will ensure public officials are accountable, and tried appropriately when found wanting.

He said: "Our government will not take the people's confidence for granted. We will continue to remain transparent in our activities and be accountable always.

"The gaming and lotteries law will ensure fair play, restore proper regulation and monitoring of the sector. It will also give players better function, and government can monitor them to enhance their investments and make their decisions more enduring. It will also improve the quality of inputs and outputs in the sector."