

Bandits kill 12, abduct 21, in fresh Kaduna, Katsina attacks

From Sola Ojo,
Kaduna

BANDITS have killed no fewer than 12 persons while 21 people were abducted in fresh attacks of some communities in Kaduna and Katsina states. A youth leader, Abashe Dauda, told Daily Sun that 11 bodies were discovered at Gaida Kaso and five others missing when gunmen launched an offensive on Gaida Kaso and Wako Kaso

villages, Kakau Ward in Chikun local government area of Kaduna State, on Tuesday. He added that two other persons were shot at Wako Kaso village, but survived the attack that lasted for hours. He said the killings in the adjoining agrarian communities were becoming tensed up daily with no tangible help from the government to salvage the situation.

He said: "A community called Gaida Kaso vil-

lage, Kakau ward, Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna state, was attacked on 18/5/2021 by unknown gunmen.

"The attack was carried out at about 3am, houses were set ablaze, 11 persons confirmed dead and five are nowhere to be found.

"The gunmen also attacked a nearby community called Wako in Kaso Village, two were shot and sustained gunshot injury and are receiving treat-

ment.

"Assemblies of God Church and one mission house were burnt down in the process," he said.

Both Kaduna State Police Command and the State's Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs are yet to make any official statement about the development as the time of filing this report.

Also, on Tuesday night, armed bandits reportedly attacked Batsari town in Batsari Local Government

Area in Katsina State, killing one person and abducted 21 others.

An eyewitness said that the armed bandits stormed into Batsari community at about 10:20pm and started shooting sporadically before they abducted 21 persons, mostly women and children, while a man simply identified as Alhaji Hassan was shot dead.

Efforts to get the police authorities in Katsina State to comment on the incident proved abortive as the spokesperson, Gambo Isah, did not respond to calls to his phone.

The police command had, earlier on Tuesday night, confirmed the abduction of a judge, Alhaji Husaini Sama'ila, by gunmen at a Shari'a Court at Baure Zaka village in Safana Local Government Area of the State. The judge was said to have been kidnapped around 3:00 pm, on Tuesday, while on a personal visit to the court.

The police spokesman: "As you all know, the court has not been on the session since the commencement of the strike action embarked by the Judicial Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN).

"The judge took the risk and went to the court. He didn't inform the police about his going to the court, knowing fully that the place is not secured enough," he said.

Land racketeering: EFCC arrests Enugu community leaders

From Magnus Eze,
Enugu

NO fewer than three community leaders of Amankpaka, Uguwuogo Nike in Enugu East Local Area of Enugu State, are being quizzed by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) for alleged forgery, fraud, misappropriation and fraudulent diversion of the community's funds.

The trio, including one Gabriel Onuh, said to have headed the community's Power of Attorney committee, were alleged to have indulged in land racketeering and indiscriminate sell of communal lands even when their tenure had since expired.

alleged that Onu (Chairman), Anike Titus (Secretary), Aneke Innocent (Treasurer) and others, had diverted the community's funds totalling over N300,000,000.

The petition among

other allegations said that since their tenure expired, "they have been selling the community lands indiscriminately with reckless abandon and sharing the monies among themselves and their friends, and with-

out accounting to any person or leaders of the community.

"That when they sell the community lands, they backdated the receipts to read that they sold the land before the expiration of their tenure."

Customs uncovers 1387 cartons of tramadol concealed in ceramic tiles

By Zika Bobby

THE Nigeria Customs Service, Area II Command Onne Port in Rivers State has uncovered 1387 cartons of prohibited Tramadol tablets concealed with 1000 cartons of ceramic tiles.

Customs Area Controller (CAC) of the Command, Auwal Mohammed, in a statement said it was found

explained.

"Hundred percent examination is one of the key aspects of the clearance procedure in Nigeria. Therefore, all importers should know that making unclear or false electronic declaration does not mean they will have an easy way out with their consignment.

"Every container that arrive Onne Port must be subjected to 100 percent exam-

ination after relevant duties and charges have been paid and necessary procedures followed. But no compromise to examination and all cargoes must be examined. And this is one of the results you are seeing here.

"Ordinarily, you can see that the same carton used to package the ceramic tiles is what was used to package the tramadol," he said.