

Bandits attack Kebbi deputy gov's convoy, kill police officer

• 13 soldiers also killed

From **Olanrewaju Lawal**, Birnin Kebbi

SUSPECTED bandits again, attacked the convoy of the Kebbi State Deputy Governor, Col. Samaila Yombe Dabai (retd).

The incident, it was gathered, occurred on Tuesday night, at Kanya village in Zuru Emirate, around 8pm. Chief Press Secretary to the Deputy Governor, Mallam Abdullahi Yelmo, who confirmed the attack in a chat with newsmen, said a police ASP, identified as Idris Umar Libata, was killed during the attack after they engaged the bandits in a gun duel.

Yelmo explained that his principal was in the company of the commanding officer, Zuru Army Barracks, to console the families of the people of the community who lost their sons during the recent bandits' attack which claimed the lives of, at least, 65 local vigilantes and scores of civilians in the state, when the bandits attacked the deputy governor's convoy.

Also, gunmen killed 19 security personnel, including 13 soldiers, in a fresh assault in the State, a security source and residents said yesterday.

Agence France-Presse (AFP) said the battle erupted late Tuesday, in Kanya, a village in Danko-Wasagu district, just a day after dozens of members of a self-defence militia were killed in the same area.

At least, 57 vigilantes were killed in nearby Sakaba, on

Monday, in an ambush by heavily armed criminal gangs known locally as bandits.

The Kebbi State Government confirmed the report when the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Geoffrey Onyeama, visited Birnin Kebbi, the state capital, yesterday. Though the Secretary to the State Gov-

ernment (SSG), Umar Babale Yauri, who briefed the minister, did not give the number of the soldiers killed, he said killing of the soldiers happened a day after about 63 members of the vigilante group, known as Yan-Sa-Kai, were massacred in Zuru.

He said: "In the last three

days, we lost about 65 vigilantes members. And even yesterday, we lost some military officers engaging with them."

Hundreds of gunmen invaded Kanya, engaging a combined military and police detachment in a three-hour gun fight, the source and residents said.

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Court fixes March 23 to hear FG's request to extradite Abba Kyari

From **Godwin Tsa**, Abuja

THE Abuja division of the Federal High Court has fixed March 23, to hear an application by the Federal Government seeking the extradition of the detained Deputy Commissioner of Police, Abba Kyari, to the United States (U.S.).

The Federal Government had, on March 3, 2022, filed the application marked: FHC/ABJ/CS/249/2022, through the office of the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice (AGF), Abubakar Malami (SAN).

The application, titled: "Application for the Extradition of Abba Alhaji Kyari to the United States of America," was dated and filed March 2.

While the AGF is the applicant, Kyari is the respondent in the application.

Kyari was formerly the head of the Inspector-General of

Police special Intelligence Response Team (IRT).

The matter, which was assigned to Justice Inyang Ekwo by the Chief Judge of FHC, Justice John Tsoho, has been fixed for March 23 for hearing.

The application was filed under the Extradition Act, as part of Nigerian government's approval of the request by the U. S. for Kyari's extradition.

The application, which was directly addressed to the chief judge, hinted that a request was made to Nigeria by Diplomatic Representative of the Embassy of the United States of America (USA), Abuja, for the surrender of Kyari who is a subject in a superseding three counts indictment in case no: 2:21-cr-00203-RGK.

The AGF, Abubakar Malami, said the case was filed on April 29, 2021, in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, USA.

Malami said that Kyari was to answer to a three-count charge.

"Count one: Conspiracy to

commit wire fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1349, 1L

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