

# Bandits kill 26 in fresh Zamfara, Plateau attacks

From **Gyang Bere**, Jos

**BANDITS** have reportedly killed 26 people in fresh attacks on some communities in Zamfara and Plateau states.

In Zamfara, about 20 bodies were said to have been found around a stream, a day after suspected bandits attacked Yan-Kukoki and Danbanda communities in Gummi Local Government Area (LGA) of the State.

A resident, who escaped the attack, said the bandits came Wednesday morning with the intention to rustle cows, but the villagers ambushed them.

"People were running and some fell into the stream, while some were shot. We didn't know anything until we started seeing their bodies and, now, we have counted 20 bodies," the source said.

One of the village heads was said to have reported the suspicious movement of the bandits to authorities at the local government area. The bandits were said to have infiltrated the communities and carried out simultaneous attacks from the Gummi-Sokoto road up to Danbanda village, about three kilometres away from Gummi town.

Sources in the area said five people were abducted during the attack. It was further

gathered that 10 people were abducted on the Gummi-Gusau road by the bandits. Zamfara has been under severe attacks by terrorists in the last one month with hundreds of the residents killed. The state government recently advised the residents to arm themselves against the bandits.

Also, no fewer than six people were reportedly killed

on Tuesday, when gunmen suspected to be bandits attacked Pinau village in Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State. It was gathered that the bandits destroyed properties and went away with food items and other valuables from the community. Military Information Officer and Spokesman of Operation Safe Haven (OPSH), a multi-security task force in

charge of peace in Plateau, Major Ishaku Takwa, who confirmed the incident, said troops have been sent to the troubled community.

A resident of the community, who spoke on phone, said the bandits, upon arrival at the community, at about 3pm, shot sporadically killing six people while several others were injured.

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## Alleged N109.4bn fraud: Why court granted ex-AGF,

From **Godwin Tsa**, Abuja

**FORMER** Accountant General of the Federation, (AGF), Ahmed Idris, has been granted bail by a High Court of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, after six days in prison custody.

Equally granted bail by the court are Godfrey Olusegun Akindele and Mohammed Kudu Usman.

Justice Adeyemi Ajayi adopted all the terms and conditions attached to the administrative bail that was earlier granted to him by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

More importantly, Justice Ajayi noted that the prosecution agency did not disclose, in any of its process before the court, that the defendant misbehaved while on administrative bail.

"In line with due process and

supremacy of the law, the defendants are still entitled to bail, irrespective of the enormity of the allegations against them. The EFCC did not, in any of its processes, state that the defendants misbehaved while on administrative bail," the judge ruled.

In adopting the conditions attached to his administrative bail, the court held that they must remain within the FCT,

## Oniru stool: Litigant decries

By **Lukman Olabiya**

**PRINCE** Akeem Ajasa, one of the litigants in the suit challenging the installation of Oba Gbolahan Lawal as the Oniru of Iru land, in June 2020, has expressed worry over what he described as snail pace of the case pending before Justice Safari J.

In December 2019, Ajasa,

Abuja, adding that they must seek consent before travelling out. The court further ordered the defendants to depose to an affidavit of assurance to abide by all their bail conditions. It equally directed the defendants to surrender their international passports and also give assurance that they would not procure alternate passports during the pendency of the case.

a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP), was allegedly chosen as the Oniru-elect to succeed the late Oba Abiodun Oniru, who died on September 23, 2019, at the age of 82.

However, Ajasa's declaration as the Oniru-elect suffered a major setback when the entire Omowunmi Abisogun ruling family house rejected his announcement, saying that his branch, the