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42 killed, 13 injured, homes burnt in fresh Southern Kaduna attacks

...police arrest five kidnap suspects, kill one

Forty-two people were killed in the troubled southern part of Kaduna State on Sunday.

1 The killings began with gunmen attacking Madamai and Abun communities in Kaura Local Government Area of the state killing at least 34 people and leaving seven seriously injured.

2 Eight people were report-

edly killed in Kacecere, Zangon Kataf Local Government Area, allegedly in retaliation for the killings in Madamai and Abun, bringing the number of casualties to 42.

Sources said the bandits burnt down several homes

during the operations in Madamai, Abun and Kacecere.

It was learnt that many of the injured were taken to a medical facility in neighboring Plateau State for treatment.

The gangsters reportedly

engaged the soldiers drafted to the area after the attack in a gunfight, but were overpowered.

The Kaduna State Government confirmed the attack in a statement, saying two suspects involved in the deadly

attack had been arrested.

The statement by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs Samuel Aruwan said: "The security agencies have reported to the Kaduna State Government the killing of 34 citizens in an attack in Kaura Local Government Area.

"Two suspects are being questioned in connection with the attack."

He added: "Troops mobilized to the location and also came under fire, before forcing the assailants to withdraw after an intense exchange.

"Some houses were set ablaze by the attackers at one end of the village. The troops put out the fire at three of the burning houses, and rescued six locals from the infernos.

"As of the time of this update, 34 residents have been confirmed dead following the attack.

"Seven others sustained injuries and were rushed to a hospital in Plateau State."

Criminal gangs have been raiding Southern Kaduna villages, killing and abducting residents in recent days.

2 Aruwan said gunmen attacked Kacecere village, Zangon Kataf LGA, resulting in the death of eight people.

3 He said: "This attack was in reprisal to earlier attacks in Jankasa village, Zangon Kataf LGA where one Mr. Yakubu Danjuma was killed, and also in Madamai in Kaura LGA where 34 persons were killed.

The attacks in these two locations, security agencies reported, led to the reprisal by unidentified assailants on Kacecere community which has left eight dead,

six persons injured and several houses razed."

The latest attack is coming barely 24 hours after gunmen attacked the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) in Gabaciwa, Kachia Local Government Area of the state, killing one and injuring others.

Meanwhile, police in the state on Monday confirmed the arrest of five suspected kidnappers in the early hours of Sunday.

The Public Relations Officer, ASP Mohammed Jalige, also confirmed in a statement another suspect was killed in a kidnap attempt in Zaria on Monday.

Jalige said acting on a tip-off at about 0300hrs that the driver of an 18 seater bus was conveying suspected rustled cattle to unidentified destination along Barde-Keffi road, officers in Kafanchan intercepted the said vehicle and arrested the suspects.

"Among the suspects arrested is a notorious kidnapper, who has been on the command's wanted list. Thirteen rustled cows were recovered," he said.

The PPRO added police in Zaria on September 27 received a distress call that some bandits in large numbers had invaded a home in Nagoyi Quarter to kidnap the occupant of the house.

He said, "On getting the information, a police, alongside vigilantes, led by the DPO rushed to the area and engaged the bandits in a gun duel.

"As a result, one bandit was neutralised while others took to their heels with bullet wounds abandoning their mission."

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo (right), receiving a gift from the Deputy Executive Officer, Head of the Heat and Power Division, Nigerian-Russian Chambers of Commerce, Mr Krill Maximov (left) during a visit by Nigerian-Russian Chambers of Commerce's delegation at the Presidential Villa in Abuja...yesterday, with them is President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr Obiora Okonkwo.



Insecurity: Build walls on nation's borders, Navy tells FG

Philip Nyam,
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The Nigerian Navy has advised the Federal Government to build a protective wall at the nation's borders to curtail the proliferation of arms and ammunition in the country.

Navy Commodore Jemila Abubakar Sadik, who represented the Chief of Naval Staff, said this at an interactive session organised by the House of Representatives Committee on National Security and Intelligence on four bills relating to security at the National Assembly yesterday.

The four bills are: "A bill for an Act to establish

in this country."

She disclosed that most of Nigeria's neighbouring countries do not have armories to keep the guns donated to them hence some of their men especially those from Chad resort to selling them as low as \$20 per gun to Nigerians whenever they are broke.

The Naval Commodore said: "I was in charge as a member of the fight against Boko Haram and I can tell you categorically here, I stand to be corrected, that some of these countries that we have borders with have no armory.

"They do not have armories. So most of their

to make sure that these bills in their final form serve their purpose.

"Shortly before the House recessed for our annual vacation, a bill to give full effect to the ECOWAS Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Their Ammunition and Other Related Materials passed second reading in the House of Representatives. That Bill, amongst other things, seeks to establish a National Commission Against the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons.

"With this new bill from the Executive, we now have two bills in the House seek-

ing to achieve similar objectives. These bills should not be considered independently of each other. To the extent that their goals are the same, the two responsible committees on National Security and Intelligence and Treaties, Protocols, and Agreements will work together to achieve the objectives of these bills."

Earlier, Chairman of the House Committee on National Security and Intelligence, Hon. Ibrahim Shaa'aban Sharada (AFC, Kano) assured that every stakeholder would be given ample opportunity to make inputs on the bills.