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## Death toll in Kaduna attack hits 40

**T**he death toll in the bandits attack that took place in Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State has now reached 40.

The Kaduna State Government yesterday evening, disclosed that two more bodies have been discovered following the attacks in various villages in the area.

Samuel Aruwan, Kaduna State Commissioner, Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs, said Security agencies

carrying out "search operations in Giwa Local Government Area have reported to the Kaduna State Government the discovery of two additional bodies following the weekend's attack in some villages in the area."

It would be recalled that Kauran Fawa, Marke and Ruhiya villages in Idasu all in Giwa Local Government Area were attacked by armed bandits, with 38 people confirmed dead on Sunday.

Aruwan further stated that the latest "discovery of two

more bodies brings the death toll from the attack to 40."

In one of the deadliest attacks of recent in the state, gunmen were said to have moved from village to village killing at least 40 persons according to official

figures.

They also burnt down vehicles, Houses, trucks, along with agricultural produce at various farms within the affected villages.

The governor, who had com-

miserated with the affected communities, also directed the Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency to conduct an urgent assessment of the area towards providing relief materials to the affected residents.

### ...as Buhari, Saraki condemn killings

**P**resident Muhammadu Buhari has condemned the renewed terrorist killings in Kaduna State, saying that the gruesome nature of recent incidents in Kauran Fawa, Marke and Ruhiya of Idasu Ward of Giwa Local Government Area, has made him particularly sad and the killings unacceptable.

This is just as former Senate President Bukola Saraki, also condemned the death of the 38 Nigerians in fresh bandit attacks on communities in Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Senior Special Assistant to the President on Media and Publicity, Garba Shehu, who disclosed the President's position in a statement titled 'President Buhari condemns gruesome terrorist killings in Kaduna State', said bandits within the week have also killed citizens

in Zangon Kataf, Chikun, Birnin Gwari, Igabi and Kauru LGAs of Kaduna State.

Buhari also expressed the nation's condolences to the Government of Kaduna State, the people of Zonkwa Chiefdom and the family of His Highness Nuhu Bature, the Agwam Kajju on his demise.

He affirmed that the nation's security forces have turned the heat on the terrorists who are getting frustrated and are soft-targeting innocent citizens, looting their assets, burning their homes and killing them indiscriminately.

He reiterated his directive to the security and intelligence chiefs to do everything they can to destroy the remaining vestiges of the terrorists.

Kaduna State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr Samuel Aruwan had con-

firmed that 38 people were killed, and property burnt during the attack.

Also reacting, Saraki expressed sadness over the tragic situation and condoled with the family of those killed by terrorists, even as he condemned the attack.

On his Facebook page, he wrote: "I got bad news about the terrible attack yesterday on some villages in Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State. By all indications, the following towns have been committed."

"At least 38 people killed by terrorists. I can't imagine the pain that families and community are going through in this situation."

"As they mourn the loss of their close ones, I and my family are mourning the whole people of Kaduna State and Giwa Local Government Area. And I pray that Allah may grant those killed a good place in Paradise."



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