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# Ondo: Scores, including security officers, killed in communal clash

**P**alpable tension has gripped Kajola-Koseru villages in Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State, following the alleged killing of some villagers and security agents during communal clashes in the area.

A source in the area, Mr Sam Akinwale, alleged that police officers and officials of the State Security outfit codename Amotekun were killed during the clash over the ownership of the land between Ilaje and the residents of the communities.

Akinwale in a message said "information reaching us now confirmed that several innocent people including police officers and few Amotekun members have lost their lives in a crisis rocking Kajola-Koseru villages in Odigbo LGA when some set of Ilaje people invaded the place claiming ownership.

"We want to appeal to the governor of Ondo State to treat this matter with all urgency in order to save the lives of the innocent inhabitants of the communities. We learnt that those criminals who invaded the said place are still around and every villager is running helter skelter for their safety.

"Ondo State Police Commissioner, Head of Amotekun Corps,

Head of Civil Defence Corps, and Commander of Nigeria Army in Ondo State must be contacted to save the innocent lives."

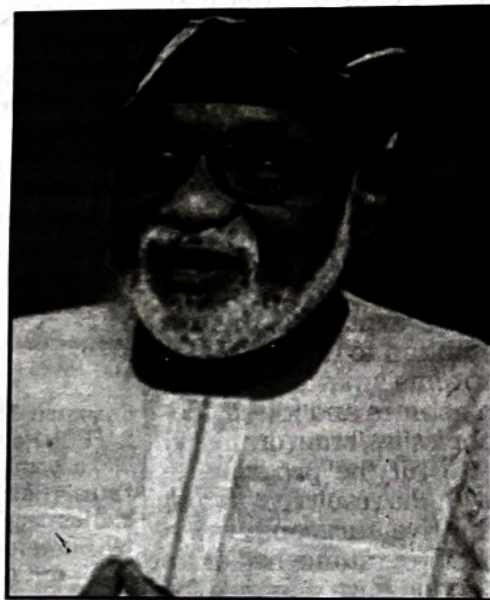
However, the state police command who confirmed the clash and death of some civilians during the clash said none of its men deployed to the crisis area lost their lives during or after the intervention.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Funmilayo Omisanya-Odunlami said the Commissioner of Police, Mr Yemi Oyediran has ordered the arrest of culprits involved in arson and murder just as she said normalcy has returned to the community.

She said, "on December 9, 2022, a case of attempted murder was reported at Kajola Division, that a woman, Julianah Alaba Abejoye, was shot by two masked men on her farm at Ogbontiba via Kuseru with locally made double barreled gun and escaped. She sustained injuries on the arm and thigh and was rushed to the Hospital for treatment.

"On December 10, 2022, at about 1000hrs, in what seemed to be a reprisal attacks, Aiyetoro boys in their numbers attacked Kuseru Village, set ablaze the Motorcycle Parks, killed livestock, destroyed motorcycles and cut down plantain trees.

"Police contingents were quickly



Governor Rotimi Akeredolu

dispatched to the scene, while on patrol of the villages, corpses of vigilantes were met at the palace of the Bale of Kuseru Village, who were said to have been allegedly ambushed and killed.

"The Commissioner of Police, CP Yemi Oyediran visited the scene, urged all parties involved to sheath their sword and allow police carryout a thorough investigation on what really happened.

"He further ordered that the Area Commander and DPO of the area should ensure all culprits involved in the arson and murder are arrested and prosecuted accordingly tactical teams of the command has been deployed to aid the activities of policemen in the area.

## Bauchi multiple road crashes leave 6 persons dead, many injured

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BAUCHI

**M**ultiple accidents in Bauchi have left six passengers dead, leaving many with various degrees of injury.

Confirming the accident, the Bauchi State Command of the Federal Roads Safety Corps (FRSC) said six people were killed in the multiple crashes and five other people sustained various degrees of injuries in the accident which occurred at Zebra 45, RS 12.12 Darazo.

According to the FIR released by the Sector Commander, the crash occurred on Saturday, 10/12/2022 at about 2014hrs and was reported to the FRSC operatives in Darazo by 2019hrs while it took them seven minutes to arrive at the scene for rescue operation at 2026hrs.

The crash occurred at Rama village, 12 kilometres away from the base of the FRSC on the Darazo-Bauchi route of the ever busy Jos-Maiduguri Federal Highway

The crash involved two vehicles, one ash coloured Toyota commercial bus with registration number DRZ 356ZD and a blue Mercedes-Benz commercial articulated trailer with no registration number.

12 people, all male adults were involved in the crash out which 5 were variously injured while 6 were killed with wrong overtaking (WOV) as the probable cause of the crash.

## C&S Carol Service urges FG to end banditry, kidnapping

Stephen Olufemi Oni,  
ILORIN

**S**ecurity agencies have been urged to intensify action against bandits and terrorists operating freely with impunity across the country so that Nigerians can sleep with their two eyes closed.

Making the appeal at this year's Carol Service of the Cherubim and Seraphim Movement Church, Muritala Mohammed Way Ilorin, Kwara State, the Chairman of the Church Youths Development Committee, Special Apostle Michael Afolayan, said the call became imperative in view of pockets of unending banditry, kidnapping and ritual killings in the country.

ernment to ensure adequate welfare and modern fighting tools for security agents so as to motivate them to be more committed to the arduous task.

To stem insecurity in the country, Special Apostle Afolayan stressed the need for the three tiers of government to create employment opportunities for the teeming youths, saying an idle hand is the devil's workshop.

In his message, the Leader-In-Charge of the District Headquarters of the Church, Most Snr Special Apostle Dr. J. O. Daniel, said the season of Christmas when Jesus Christ was born is a call to higher ground, urging Christians to continue to live a life of holiness and

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