

Kaduna Bombing: Death toll rises to 127, many still missing

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The death toll in the bombing of Tudun Biri community in Kaduna State by the military on Sunday has risen to 127 as of yesterday afternoon.

This was as more injured persons were brought to Barau Specialist Hospital, 44 Army Reference Hospital, 1 Division, Nigeria military facility, all in the state capital.

Also one of the survivors, Mallam Idris disclosed that more people were brought to the hospital yesterday, adding that the number of injured persons has risen to 75.

"This morning some people were picked in the forest and they were brought to the hospital," he said.

One of the Islamic clerics of the troubled community, Alhaji Ahmed Sanusi, had said three days ago they buried 100 people, as of Tuesday, 20 more bodies were recovered by the search team.

He also said, as of yesterday another six bodies had been buried. Meanwhile, another one person died yesterday at Barau Dikko hospital in Kaduna where many of the injured were being treated.

Another survivor, Hassan Shuaibu, said: "I was not there when the incident happened but I had to rush to the village. In fact, all my

relatives were there. We cannot find some of them.

"The drone attack affected our children, our younger and elderly relatives. We've lost an entire generation. Government should come to our rescue. Although for me and many others, it could be the end of our stay in the village because we lost all our breadwinners."

Also speaking, Yahaya Abubakar, a resident, said: "Bandits had chased us from our village and we were taking refuge at Tudun Biri.

"Before this latest attack the bandits were not able to attack Tudun Biri. The people fought them anytime they (bandits) tried to attack. But now that most of the able men were killed by the bomb, the bandits could be able to attack the village, we are praying for help."

Meanwhile, the Supreme Council for Sharia in Nigeria (SCSN) in a statement said this is one mistake too many, with no evidence of any sanction or accountability for previous incidents.

The statement signed by Nafi'u Baba Ahmad, Secretary General of the Council, recalled that: "In 2017 a similar military 'error' occurred at a refugee camp in Borno State where many lives were lost and hundreds of casualties recorded.

"Similarly in June this year (2023) a group of Fulani with their cattle were bombed in Nasarawa State.

"All these attacks were said to be 'mistakes' by Nigerian security operatives. Civilians are being exterminated. Enough is enough of these grievous 'mistakes' in which hundreds of innocent lives have been lost and millions of naira worth of property destroyed.

"These incidents raise serious questions on the integrity of the intelligence before actions were taken. We therefore call on the Nigerian military to, as a matter of urgency, thoroughly investigate what happened and bring the culprits to book."

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the constitution that such is their right.

"We will move from place to place and buildings will be shut down with the backing of Mr. President for non-compliance. Therefore, all public buildings must create all accessibility mediums before we arrive."

In the same vein, legislators have called for the establishment of a disabilities trust fund at the national and state levels while insisting that disability laws that have been domiciled in states must be made operational.