

Centre condemns killing of Baale, 9 others in Kwara

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The Centre for Convention on Democratic Integrity (CCDI) has condemned killing of at least 10 innocent people, including the respected village head (Baale), in Oke-Ode, Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, in the early hours of yesterday.

The Centre in a statement by its President, Olufemi Aduwo, said the act was yet another grim reminder of the deteriorating security situation across the nation.

It said: "It is unacceptable that defenceless citizens are being slaughtered daily while the perpetrators continue to operate with impunity.

"The military is clearly overstretched, and despite their gallant efforts on multiple fronts, communities remain vulnerable to relentless attacks.

"We recall that months ago, the Director-General of the Department of State Services (DSS) publicly advised communities to take responsibility for their own defence in the face of persistent banditry."