

## NEWS

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# 12 Feared Killed, Nine Injured as Bandits Attack Kaduna Community

● State govt imposes curfew on Kajuru ● ADA accuses el-Rufai of bias  
● Gunmen kill two policemen on election duty in Sokoto

John Shiklam in Kaduna and Onuminya Innocent in Sokoto

1 Scores of people have been feared killed as armed bandits attacked Layin Maigwai village along Funtua road in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area (LGA) of Kaduna State.

The state government has also imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Kajuru community and parts of Chikun LGA of the state

THISDAY gathered the attacks in two villages in the local government area left no fewer than 12 persons dead.

However, Kajuru leaders under the aegis of Adara Adara Development Association (ADA) has accused the state Governor, Nasir el-Rufai, of turning a blind eye to the mass killing of their people by rampaging herdsmen.

This is coming as the Sokoto State Command yesterday

confirmed the death of two policemen, ASP Abdullahi Maisaje and Sgt. Usman Ibrahim, allegedly killed while on election duty.

A source in Dogo Dawa, Alhaji Ahmed Rufai, told our correspondent that the first attack happened on Monday, when the armed bandits ambushed some people traveling from Zamfara to Niger State, and opened fire on them.

Rufai said two persons were killed, while nine others were injured in the attack.

According to him, another set of the bandits numbering about 80 also stormed Hayin Gada village on Tuesday night and started shooting sporadically, leaving 10 persons dead.

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"The gunmen stormed the road and attacked travellers, traveling from Zamfara to Niger State, and opened fire on them. They killed two people and left about nine travellers injured.

2 Also on Tuesday, March 12, at Hayin Gada village along Dogon Dawa road, the gunmen stormed the village and started shooting sporadically. In that attack, they killed 10 people.

"As I speak with you, residents of the village have fled from the village to a neighboring community for fear of further

attack, because the attackers were so many; they were up to 80," he said.

But the Kaduna State Police Command could not confirm the incident as at the time of filing this report.

The command's spokesman, DSP Yakubu Sabo said he was on board a helicopter and promised to get back to our reporter.

Meanwhile, the Kaduna State Government has imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Kajuru community and parts of Chikun LGA of the state.

There has been a growing tension in the affected areas following the invasion and massive killings in rural communities by gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen.

It was gathered that no fewer 83 people have been killed in three communities in Kajuru Local Government Area since last Sunday following the attacks.

Some of the communities that came under the deadly attack since last Sunday, according to a lawyer and former President of the Adara Development Association (ADA), Danladi Yarima, include Anguwan Barde, Anguwan Gamu and Kyamara village among others.

He said in Anguwan Barde,

which was attacked last Sunday, 35 people were killed, although the police said 16 were killed.

Yarima said in Anguwan Anguwan Gamu which was attacked last Monday, 46 people were killed with several others still missing while in Kyamara village which came under attack last Tuesday evening, two people were killed.

He said most of the attacks were in the broad day light between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Following the attacks, there has been tension in the locality, leading to mass exodus of villagers from their homes to other places for safety.

Announcing the imposition of the curfew in a statement yesterday, spokesman to the governor, Samuel Aruwan, said security assessments have necessitated the imposition of a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

According to the statement, "Security assessments have necessitated the imposition of the curfew in all parts of Kajuru Local Government Area effective from March 13, 2019.

"The dusk-to-dawn curfew is also extended to Kujama and Maraban Rido (a suburb in Kaduna metropolis) which are in Chikun Local Government Area.

"The curfew in the affected

areas will be in effect from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily until further notice.

"Security agencies have been directed to ensure strict enforcement of the curfew. The state government therefore appeals to all residents and communities in the affected areas to bear the inconvenience of the curfew and cooperate with the security agencies."

Meanwhile, ADA had in a statement last Tuesday accused the state government of turning a blind eye to the mass killing of its people by rampaging herdsmen.

The statement which was signed by the Assistant National Secretary of ADA, Luke Waziri, alleged that the killers were being funded and supported to wreak havoc in Adara land, "while those saddled with the responsibility of securing us deliberately looked the other way."

Giving details of the attack, Waziri said: "Firstly, Ungwan Barde was attacked on February 10, 2019, and nobody did anything even though those in government knew about it. Furthermore, the state government pretended that the 11 people killed didn't matter.

"Karamai, another of our

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## Buhari: FG Working Hard to Reverse Mismanagement of Economy

● Rejects bill to amend NOSDRA Act

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday said that the federal government was doing its best to correct and reverse the terrible mismanagement the country had experienced under the previous administrations.

This is coming as President Buhari has declined assent to the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) Act (Amendment) Bill passed by the National Assembly.

Buhari who stated this when he received a delegation of non-career Ambassadors, who came to State House, Abuja, to congratulate him on his

integrity is responsible for your victory, which we are privileged to celebrate with you today."

The ambassadors appreciated the intervention funds that were released to various missions abroad, and pledged continued loyalty and support to the Buhari administration.

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Buhari, in a letter, addressed to Senate President Bukola