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Angry Mob Kills Family of Three in Kaduna for Allegedly Collaborating with Bandits

John Shiklam in Kaduna

A family of three have been killed by an angry mob in Zangon Aya, Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State, following suspicion that they were informants to bandits terrorising the area.

The Commissioner of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr. Samuel Aruwan confirmed the incident in a statement yesterday in Kaduna.

Aruwan said, Abdullahi Gobirawa, his wife Binta and son Hassan, were killed when a mob stormed their home on Monday afternoon, adding the after killing them, the mob looted and burnt their home.

He said the incident was reported to the state government by security

agencies.

"Security agencies have reported the killing of a man, his wife and son, by a lynch mob in Zangon Aya community, Igabi Local Government Area.

"According to the report, Abdullahi Mohammed Gobirawa, his wife Binta Abdullahi and his son Hassan Abdullahi, were killed when a mob stormed their home on Monday afternoon.

"The mob action was in response to the trio's suspected collaboration with bandits, especially in relation to recent kidnappings in the area.

"After killing the trio, the mob looted and burnt their home", the commissioner said.

He said Governor Nasir El-Rufai had expressed sadness and deep worry about the violent actions of

the citizens and strongly condemned the extra-judicial killings.

He said the governor stressed that lawful means alone should be adopted in confronting suspicions

of criminality, saying the destructive practice of self-help would only result in greater harm.

Aruwan said the governor had directed security agencies to

conduct thorough investigations into the incident and urged citizens to maintain order.

He said the governor also, "cautioned against stereotyping of

any sort and appealed for consistent recourse to the constituted agencies."

The Commissioner said investigations into the incident had commenced.

Senate Queries FG's Plan to Borrow \$200m to Purchase Mosquito Nets

Deji Elumoye in Abuja

The Senate yesterday queried the plan by the federal government to secure a \$200 million facility to procure mosquito nets to prevent malaria in 13 out of the 36 states of the federation.

Members of its Committee on Foreign and Local Loans led by the Chairman, Senator Clifford Ordia, were piqued when the Permanent Secretary, Federal

Ministry of Health, Mahmuda Mamman, informed them that the federal government was planning to borrow \$200 million to purchase mosquito nets and other ancillary medical therapies to prevent malaria.

Mamman had in his presentation during the 2022 budget defence session submitted that due to high rate of under-five mortality in Nigeria largely caused by malaria and inaccessibility to

malaria treatments by residents in 13 vulnerable states in the country, the \$200 million loan became very necessary.

According to him, the loan if approved by the National Assembly and accessed, would be used to medically fight malaria in the 13 orphan states which cover 208 local government Councils and 3, 536 primary health care centres.

Reacting to the Permanent Secretary's submission, a member of the committee, Senator Ibrahim Oloriegbe and other members, took on the Permanent Secretary

"Don't we have local manufacturers of mosquito nets and malaria drugs in Nigeria to patronise with the loan even if approved?"

"This is a clear case of money and jobs for the boys by creditors luring you for loans and railroading you on what it should be spent on.

"Washington or whatever creditor offering the loan, should stop giving us money with one hand and taking it back with another hand through railroad spending".

Other members of the commit-

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