

Katsina Community Protests Killing of Businessman by Terrorists

Francis Sardauna in Katsina

Aggrieved residents of Sabon Garin Yahuza in Batagarawa Local Government Area of Katsina State yesterday took to the streets to protest what they described as the gruesome murder of a businessman in the community, Alhaji Abu Mai Bulawus by suspected terrorists.

Mai Bulawus, was assassinated on Wednesday morning by the hoodlums who invaded his residence, located few metres away from the checkpoint mounted by the personnel of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), close to their training college in the Katsina metropolitan area.

One of the protesters, Kabiru Abdullaht, told THISDAY that they embarked on the protest because of the gruesome killing of the community businessman by the suspected terrorists despite the heavy presence of the NSCDC personnel in the area.

He lamented that the community, which was known for its peaceful nature, had become a killing field, adding that residents of the community were also contending with prevailing kidnapping, robbery and cattle rustling.

He said: "The gunmen riding on motorcycles came

around 2:47am on Wednesday morning, and started shooting sporadically at the residence of Alhaji Abu Mai Bulawus. We had them say follow us or we will kill you but Alhaji refused to follow them so they killed. "More worrisome is that this community is not up to 100

metres away from the NSCDC Training College and the house of the victim is opposite their checkpoint, but they did to even make an attempt to fire their guns at least to scare the attackers away.

"This is not the first attack on this community but we

got little or no help from the NSCDC officers. The only thing they know how to do best is to remain at their checkpoint and collect N20, N50 and N100 from motorists. They should leave our town," the source said.

The state Police Command

was yet to issue a statement on the incident, but the Provost of the NSCDC Training College and Divisional Police Officer of Batagarawa were on the ground to console the protesters who set ablaze the NSCDC checkpoint.

However, a stalwart of the

All Progressives Congress (APC) in

Batagarawa local government, who craved anonymity, said terrorists were operating with brazen impunity in the state "in broad daylight, they sack villages and annihilate the people".



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L-R: Founder, Female Lawyers in Real Estate Practice, (FELIREP), Anomneze Peace; Special Adviser to Lagos State Governor on Housing, Mrs. Toke Benson-Awoyinka; Head of Administration, FELIREP, Omotayo Aregegbeje, and Head of Strategy, Adaku Chibuikwe-Ochiuwa, during a courtesy visit to Benson-Awoyinka, at Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos...yesterday

Five Killed, Injured