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Gunmen kill mother of 9, injure two others in Kaduna

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KADUNA — GUNMEN, Sunday night, attack Kukum Gida, an idyllic village lying on the feet of a low ridge on the outskirts of the tourist resort town of Kagoro, about 250km South of Kaduna, killing a mother of nine and wounding two others.

The village falls under Kaura Local Government Council in the southern part of Kaduna State.

Chairman of Kaura LGC,

Mrs. Florence Aya, who confirmed this to *Vanguard* at the scene of the attack, yesterday, while commiserating with the families victims, said the violence was a huge setback to the peace and reconciliation efforts she and the state government had initiated to bring back normalcy to the area.

The village Head of Kukum Gida, Mr. Jonah Bayina, narrated to *Vanguard* what happened: "It was around midnight. The moon was very bright. The

dogs of Musa Bilak (62) were wildly barking. This made him to come out. His wife, Kumana (52) was behind him. Bilak has nine children with his wife. As they turn to check the rear of the House loud sound of gunshots rang over the place.

"Monday Yayok (30), head of our village vigilante was just getting ready to start checking on his members at their various posts. His house is just about 20 metres from

Bilak's. He jumped out and stated blowing a whistle to alert the village after he heard the gunshots. Then another round of shots rang out. The whistling went silent. But the rest vigilante started blowing theirs. Everyone was woken. When we reached the place. We found Bilak lying in his blood, panting for help. His wife was dead. Yayok was also lying and bleeding.

"Some people started chasing the attackers, who we believe are Fulani who

were once our neighbours. The dead and the wounded have been taken to the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH). We did

not arrest any of them. I was informed that only two people were seen. All had guns."

Fol: SERAP sues FG over spending of recovered stolen funds

BY ABDULWAHAB ABDULAH

LAGOS — THE Federal Government has

as contained in a letter dated September 26, 2011 to the Accountant General of the Federation.

It also sought a declaration of the