

3 killed in Kaduna villages after Gov el-Rufai's visit

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KADUNA— Violence reportedly continued in Godogodo and Sanga Districts, both in Jema'a and Sanga Local Governments areas in the Southern part of Kaduna State two days after the visit of Governor Nasir el-Rufai following the killings and burning of some villages.

El-Rufai, who was in some of the affected villages of Gada Biyu, Anjo and Godogodo in Jema'a Local Government, and in Unguwan Mada, in Sanga Local Government, last Tuesday, condemned the killings of natives and the arson, promising to improve security and bring the culprits to justice.

Later, for the first time in Kaduna State, the governor held the State Security Council meeting in Kafanchan, the commercial hub of Southern Kaduna.

One Pastor Luka Ubangari of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, RCCG, was allegedly killed at Unguwan Anjo, near Godogodo, which was earlier burnt by suspected herdsmen last week, village sources told *Vanguard* yesterday on phone.

Two days after the murder of Ubangari, herdsmen allegedly attacked Ningon village, six kilometres from Gwantu, headquarters of Sanga council, leaving two dead and one injured.

A man who spoke on the Anjo killing on condition of anonymity, said: "We were happy that the Governor (el-Rufai) visited and assured us of improved security and that the killers would be found and punished.

"To our shock, Pastor Luka Ubangari was ambushed, shot and killed as he was riding his motorcycle after an evangelical visit to Golkofa. He was killed by those who are out to remove us from our ancestral lands."

On the killings in Ningon, Mr. Nuhu Tukura, the President of Ningon Community Development Association, NCDA, said: "At 8:45p.m., Sunday night, Mr. Gambo Sule, 38, married with five children and Mr. Benjamin Auta, 35, also married with two children, were killed by unknown herdsmen."

In 2014, Ningon was razed with scores killed after an invasion by alleged herdsmen.