

Insecurity: Govs re-strategise to contain menace

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ABUJA—Governors appears to be on the offensive against insecurity in the country, following the spate of killings arising from kidnapping, banditry, armed robbery and herdsmen terror.

While Katsina State governor, Aminu Bello Masari warned bandits that enough is enough of the killings in the state, the Development Agenda for Western Nigeria (DAWN) Commission said the six South West governors have resolved to fund a new security apparatus that would soon be launched to secure the zone.

Similarly, Governor

Godwin Obaseki of Edo State also vowed yesterday that the state would do everything possible to contain violent crimes in the state, assuring that the state government would ensure the release of the kidnapped Chief Medical Director of Irrua Specialist Hospital.

These came as a Catholic priest with St Peters Catholic Parish, Ahmadu, Southern Taraba zone, Rev Fr. David Tanko, was on Wednesday killed by gunmen who also set ablaze his body and vehicle.

The cleric's killing came as kidnappers of the Chief Medical Director of Irrua Specialist Hospital in Edo State, Professor Sylvanus Okogbeni, are yet to get in touch with his family to demand ransom, five days after his abduction, just as a Point of Sale, POS, operator was shot dead yesterday in

Ondo State by armed robbers on motorcycle, popularly known as *okada*.

This is even as the three final year law students of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, who were kidnapped along the Abuja-Kaduna expressway on Tuesday regained freedom late Wednesday night but not without payment of N5.5 million ransom by their families.

While the police claimed credit for rescuing the students from the kidnappers, the families said their release was based on negotiation with the kidnappers, which culminated in the payment of N5.5million.

Also, the Federal Government said yesterday that no fewer than 1,400 persons have been killed by bandits in the last seven months.

The riot act read to the bandits by Governor Masari