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# ① Killings, counter-killings claim many lives in Kaduna

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**S**EVERAL lives were lost in a series of killings and counter-killings in Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna Central senatorial district.

Commissioner, Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Kaduna State, Samuel Aruwan, in a statement, yesterday, explained that the killings and counter-killings occurred at Kaya community, which shares a boundary with Hayin Kaura village of Dandume Local Government Area of Katsina State.

"According to the security brief, the violence began on January 1, 2021, when bandits attacked Kaya town and

kidnapped some locals, including two married women," he stated.

He stated that the bandits were fiercely pursued by a combined team of volunteers from Kaya and Hayin Kaura village of Katsina State, in keeping with their practice of supporting security efforts in their respective communities.

"The bandits in the course of the confrontation kidnapped and killed one Shamsu Umar, a leader of the Kaya volunteers. His corpse was found on January 2, 2021 after a search operation in the forest.

"On the same day of the recovery of the corpse, unidentified persons came across some herders, and in apparent retaliation for the killing of

Shamsu Umar, killed four of them.

"At around 6:30pm yesterday, January 2, 2021, over 50 motorcycles each carrying three-men wielding AK-47 rifles, stormed Kaya town in Giwa Local Government Area and shot sporadically.

② "Troops of the Nigerian Army and police operatives were quickly deployed to the location, with an air platform of the Nigerian Air Force.

"10 locals were killed and three unidentified corpses were also recovered, said to be drivers in transit from Funtua, Katsina State.

"Similarly those who sustained bullet wounds were taken to Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, ABUTH."