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# Bandits kill 8, injure 4 in Kaduna communities

By Ibrahim Hassan Wuyo

**E**IGHT persons were reportedly killed with four others injured by bandits in separate attacks in Chikun, Giwa and Kajuru Local Government Areas of Kaduna State.

The state Commissioner, Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said the attacks were outlined in reports by security agencies to the Kaduna State government.

He said, yesterday, at Kan Hawa Zankoro, near Ungwan Yako in Chikun Local Government Area, bandits shot at a vehicle, which then somersaulted, leading to the death of six persons and leaving four others injured.

Those who lost their lives in the crash were Aisha Bello, Uwaliya Alhaji Shehu, Ramatu Sani, Muhammad Shehu, Aminu Ibrahim and Ibrahim Abdu, while those injured were Zainab Alhaji Usman, Surayya Bello, Khalifa Sani and Ushe Sani.

He added that bandits also attacked locals at Iburu in Kajuru LGA, and killed one Amos Yari, just as the bandits that invaded Hayin Kanwa village, Fatika district, Giwa LGA, killed one Alhaji Sule, a businessman in the area after he resisted attempt to kidnap him.

He said: "Governor Nasir el-Rufai received the reports with sadness and prayed for the repose of the souls of those killed while sending condolences to their families. He also wished the injured a speedy recovery."

**Police kill bandit, recover firearm in Niger**

Meanwhile, a bandit was killed Tuesday by operatives of Niger State Police and one AK-47 rifle recovered from him in Tashan – Barau village of Rafi Local Government Area of the state.

Mr Adamu Usman, Commissioner of Police in the state, who disclosed this in Minna, yesterday, said on March 30 at about 15:25 hours, a team of Operation Puff-Adder II, attached to the command acted on credible intelligence that a group of bandits on motorcycles was sighted heading toward Pangu-Gari in Rafi Local Government Area.

He said the team mobilised to the location and engaged the bandits in a gun battle at Tashan-Barau village, along Tegna/Minna road.

He said one of the bandits, who was later identified as Mohammed Garba of Ungwan Sani, Sabon Mariga area of Rafi Local Government Area, was shot, while one AK-47 rifle and an unregistered Bajaj motorcycle recovered.

**Edo communal clash paralyses activities as police deploy personnel**

By Ozioruva Aliu

**B**ENIN CITY— Commercial and farming activities were shut down in two communities,