

Ten killed in Kaduna, El-Rufai condemns killings, citizens disappearance in LGAs

By Ibrahim Wuyo, Kaduna

AS security agencies confirmed the killing of 10 persons in Zangon-kataf and Chikun local government areas of Kaduna State on Friday, the Governor of the state, Malam Nasir El-Rufai has condemned the killings and disappearances of natives in Zangon Kataf, Igabi, Chikun and Jema'a local government areas of the state.

In a statement emanating from the government house, "The governor condoled with the families of the deceased and wished those who sustained injuries speedy recovery." He also directed the Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency to urgently assess damages at Warkan village and provide relief materials to the affected citizens.

"The disappearance of five youths from Kafanchan town of Jema'a LGA was also reported Friday by the security agencies. The Governor appealed to the affected families to remain calm as security agencies are investigating the incidences. The Governor has been receiving hourly briefings from ac-

tion agencies on the attack at Warkan village in Zangon Kataf LGA, as well as the general secu-

rity situation in the State. The Governor had on Thursday and Friday interfaced with the Chief of

Defence Staff, General LEO Irabor and the Inspector General of Police, Usman Baba Alkali," he said.

Ayo Adebajo has nothing to do with Gumi — Afenifere

By Dapo Akinrefon

THE pan-Yoruba socio-political organisation, Afenifere, on Friday, distanced its acting leader, Pa. Ayo Adebajo from a viral picture where he was alleged to be in company of Sheikh Abubakar Gumi saying Adebajo was never known to be in cahoots with those who keep company with alleged criminals and bandits.

Afenifere, in a statement by its National Publicity Secretary, Comrade Jare Ajayi, said the pictures being circulated in which Adebajo was seen in the same flight with Gumi and later in a handshake in the presence of former President Olusegun Obasanjo were taken in 2018 in the run-up to the presidential election that took place in 2019.

The statement reads: "Our attention has been

drawn to some pictures making the rounds in which the acting Leader of Afenifere, Chief Ayo Adebajo, was alleged to be in company of Sheikh Abubakar Gumi, the Islamic preacher who is

Abducted Zaria Poly students, lecturers regain freedom

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SEVEN students and two lecturers of Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic in Zaria Kaduna State who were abducted by bandits, have finally regained their freedom.

The abductees who had spent about 28 days in captivity, were released on Thursday and had reunited with their families in Zaria.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Polytechnic, Ibrahim Shehu, confirmed to journalists that the nine victims have

negotiated in which Adebajo was seen in the same flight with Gumi and later in a handshake in the presence of former President Olusegun Obasanjo were taken in 2018 in the run-up to the presidential election that took place in 2019.

been reunited with their respective families.

He said "all I could tell you is that they have been released and immediately reunited with their families after medical examinations."

When asked on payment of ransom, he said, "I may not know since negotiations were carried out between the abductors and the families of the victims."

Bandits had on Wednesday, June 10, 2021, attacked the polytechnic at night, killed a student, injured one and abducted the other victims.