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Saturday NEWS

Fresh Bandits' attack in Niger Community: 10 persons burnt alive, many others slaughtered, 7 women abducted

By Wole Mosadomi

BANDITS yesterday attacked Kachiwe in Sarkin Pawa Ward of Munya local government area of Niger state again killing several persons.

Ten people were reportedly burnt alive; several others slaughtered while seven women were kidnapped by the bandits.

It was gathered that the bandits moved from house to house to set the houses and barns ablaze.

Secretary of Munya local government area, James Isaac Jagaba who confirmed the story said that the incident occurred on Thursday morning at about 2am.

According to him, “the Bandits invaded the community with motorcycles and cars which they used to attack the communities.

“The bandits set all the houses ablaze, burnt 10 people alive, slaughtered many and abducted 10 women.

“The whereabouts of those abducted are yet unknown.

“We also learnt that the Bandits on their way out of the village met two people whose vehicle broke down and they stopped and killed them and also burnt down their vehicle,” he lamented.

The Secretary disclosed that three of the abducted women escaped while the Bandits were carrying out their onslaught on the people by the roadside but eventually left with the other seven women.

He declared, “the entire community has been wiped out by the bandits because as it is, nobody survived.

Mr. James further disclosed that the women who miraculously escaped from the bandits narrated their ordeal to them on arrival.

Network in the affected communities had been greatly affected in the past few days making it difficult to reach out to the security and others

in the area.

“We were told that all efforts to reach the security personnel proved abortive because for some days, mobile network in

Munya local government had been disrupted and the people could not reach out to the security or local government officials.

Munya local government council had been under the siege of bandits.

Thirty people were killed by bandits in the same local government few days ago.

Igbo will continue to engage FG on grievances

Uzodimma

By Chinonso Alozie

The Imo State Governor, Hope Uzodimma, on Friday said the people of the South East Zone would continue to engage the Federal Government on whatever grievances of the region.

Uzodimma said this in Owerri, as part of the October 1st Independence day broadcast to the people of the State.

The governor said the Igbo stand to benefit from one united country of justice and equity.

He said: “For us in the South East, we should use the occasion of the Independence to re-evaluate the recent activities of our youths as they relate to our relationship with other Nigerians, our economic growth and our future aspirations. As a people who suffered the devastating consequences of a 30-month civil war, reason demands that we should be extremely circumspect in the pursuit of our agenda.

“I have said it repeatedly that we stand to benefit more in a united Nigeria where justice and equity define our group existence. As a people who are everywhere in Nigeria, we need to remain agents of consolidation, not division and destruction.

“We cannot afford to suffer in our own country, by our actions or inactions, what our people are suffering in Ghana and other African countries. The benefits of hindsight and lessons of history demand that we should constructively engage the Federal Government on the need to address whatever grievances we have, be it injustice or marginalization.

“But we may not be taken seriously if we continue to send out mixed signals. As our people say, it is easy to count the items left in the basket of a woman who falls twice on her way back from the market. Put differently, it is only a fool that allows the same stick to pluck his eyes twice. Let us put on our thinking caps.”

On how he was able to arrest the insecurity situation in the state among other things, Uzodimma said: “For Ndi Imo, the 61st Independence Anniversary is a clarion call to move closer as a people in the pursuit of our common goal which is to

make Imo state better for our future generations.

“The 2019 elections have long been concluded. Those still looking back at it stand the risk of suffering the fate of Lot’s wife. Let me use this auspicious occasion to once again extend my hands of fellowship to our brothers and sisters on the other side to join our prosperity agenda-driven Government to offer quality service to our people. This is not about me. It is about the future of our youths. Those who genuinely and patriotically want to serve Imo people would not have any problem joining us to do so.

Gov. Abiodun congratulates Osoba on successful surgery

Ogun State governor Abiodun, Prince Dapo Abiodun, has congratulated the former governor of the state and the leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC) Aremo Olusegun Osoba over a successful knee replacement surgery.

Abiodun, in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Kunle Somorin, on Friday, said that the elder statesman who underwent the surgery in the United Kingdom on Thursday 30th September is recuperating very well.

The governor had, during his recent short trip to the United Kingdom visited Chief Osoba ahead of the surgery and also spoke to him before and after the procedure on Thursday.

Prince Abiodun, who equally spoke with the former Governor earlier today before the celebration of the country’s 61st independence anniversary held in the state said Baba was in high spirits. The governor thanked

the Almighty God for granting Chief Osoba good health to contribute to nation building, and further prayed God to grant the former governor a long life and usual vibrancy.

Abiodun noted that though Chief Osoba was absent at the independence celebration, his felicitations and encouragement reinforced the vision that Nigeria as a country will attain greatness.

The governor quoted the APC leader as saying that “Nigerians should rally round the leaders both at the federal and state levels, declaring that the country will overcome its present challenges.”

“Our Baba, Chief Olusegun Osoba, underwent knee replacement surgery in the UK and we thank God that it went well, as he is now fine and in perfect condition. He spoke to me that he would have loved to be present at the independence celebration, but for the surgery.

“He is not here physically to be part of the celebration, but he told me his heart is with us.

Attack in Igboland: IPOB should redeem self by disbanding ESN — Ohanaeze Youth wing

By Chinonso Alozie

The Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide, Youth wing, has called on the leadership of the Indigenous People of Biafra, IPOB, to redeem itself from the reports of the attacks in the Igboland by disbanding the Eastern Security Network, ESN, an armed group of the IPOB.

The acting National Leader of the Ohanaeze Youth wing, Jones Onwuasanya, made this call in Owerri on Friday, regarding the level of violence recorded since the formation of the group.

He said despite the denial by IPOB, of not being involved in the killings that “The situation leaves no doubt that the leadership of the IPOB has either lost control of the situation or some fifth columnists have hijacked the initiative and are now hiding under its the Biafran agitation to wreak havoc across the Southeast.”

To start to address the issue, the Ohanaeze urged IPOB to order their genuine members to be recruited to the official security outfit of the South East, the Ebubeagu.

Ohanaeze said: “Going by ongoing security breaches and undeniable cases of terrorist acts in the Southeast, it has become unavoidable to make the following observations and demands:

“Even though the perpetrators of these terrorist acts on South-east soil have variously and unabashedly made it clear that they are advancing the ideologies and programs, which were initially championed by the Indigenous People of Biafra, the leadership of IPOB has vehemently denied authorizing any of the recent killings, arson, destructions, economic sabotage and glaring terrorist activities being perpetrated across the South-east.

“This situation leaves no doubt that the leadership of the IPOB has either lost control of the situation or some fifth columnists have hijacked the initiative and are now hiding under its the Biafran agitation to wreak havoc across the South-east. It, therefore, becomes pertinent to invite the IPOB leadership to take steps towards quickly redeeming herself.

“By disbanding the Eastern Security Network (ESN), as it remains an illegal militant and armed group. Encourage all members and volunteers who are genuinely interested in the security and safety of the South-east to make themselves available to be recruited into the official Southeast Security Network, the Ebubeagu.”

“It is disheartening that more than five months since the idea was first mooted by Southeast governors, it is only in Ebonyi State that one could confirm the presence of Ebubeagu, the other four South-east governors have either reneged from the agreement to set up this regional security outfit or are reluctant to release the funds and logistics necessary for the effective takeoff of the outfit.

“Let me, therefore, advise the governors that steps should be taken immediately to empower, recruit and equip personnel for Ebubeagu, as the continued delay in getting the outfit running will embolden criminals to continue to wreak havoc in the region,” Ohanaeze said.

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