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Bandit commander, Ado Aliero, kills traditional ruler in Tsafe



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- **Village head, others flee Sokoto communities, as bandits, sack villages**
- **Kogi govt vows to deal with youths aiding and abetting banditry**
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A gang, led by Ado Aliero, a top bandit commander, said to be midwifing a peace dialogue in the North West, has slaughtered a traditional ruler in Tsafe Local Government Area of Zamfara State, in a shocking escalation of violence in the region.

This is even as a wave of terror has swept through Kebbe and Tambuwal Local Government Areas of Sokoto State, as heavily armed Lakurawa insurgents and kidnappers have, in the last 48 hours, unleashed coordinated attacks that have left entire communities deserted, families displaced, and lives shattered.

Meanwhile, Kogi State government has vowed to treat as terrorist any youth in the state who indulged in aiding and abetting bandits to cause mayhem on innocent citizens.

The presidential candidate of Labour Party in the 2023 general elections, Peter Obi, in a reaction to abduction of 40 worshippers in Zamfara mosque on Monday, said no nation would grow when its citizens perpetually lived in fear.

Bandits kill village head

On the killing of a traditional ruler in Zamfara, intelligence reports revealed that at about 16.09hrs on Monday, September 15, the gang killed the monarch, who is also the Hakimi of Dogon Dawa, in Keta village, Tsafe Local Government Area of the state.

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The same gang is believed to be the bandits who reportedly kidnapped 40 worshippers in a mosque in the state same day.

Sources revealed that the bandits have continued their campaign of terror, killing four farmers in Barikin Daji, and Ruwan Gizo, Zamfara State.

Two Customs officers were also said to have been killed in Fingilla village, Dandi Local Government Area of Kebbi State.

Sources said further that the bandits have continued to terrorise communities across the North West, killing, kidnapping, and maiming civilians, amid highly publicised peace dialogue in Faskari, Katsina State, aimed at ending banditry in the region.