

Woman delivers in captivity, loses baby

A pregnant woman, Salamatu Abubakar, who was kidnapped by bandits alongside three other women from Maikadauri community in Kontagora LGA of Niger State, has reportedly given birth to a baby boy, who died a few hours later.

Daily Trust had reported how the nine-month-pregnant woman was kidnapped a few days ago, when bandits invaded the community, killing one person and injuring a vigilante.

A source, who spoke to Gaskiya News Hausa, an online vernacular news platform, disclosed that Salamatu Abubakar went into labour while in the kidnappers' camp and delivered a baby boy.

He said the woman's health condition had deteriorated over the past week due to severe bleeding and lack of access to proper medical care.

In another incident, at least seven vigilantes were killed on Sunday, June 14, when bandits attacked their camp in Matseri, Kotonkoro District of Mariga LGA, Niger State.

Sources told Daily Trust that the attackers, in large numbers, emerged from the Sangeko axis of Zamfara State and launched a direct assault on the vigilantes.

One of the locals told our correspondent that the vigilantes killed a number of the attackers during a gun duel.

When contacted, police spokesperson in Niger State, SP Wasiu Abiodun, promised to verify the information and revert, but was yet to do so as of the time of filing the report.