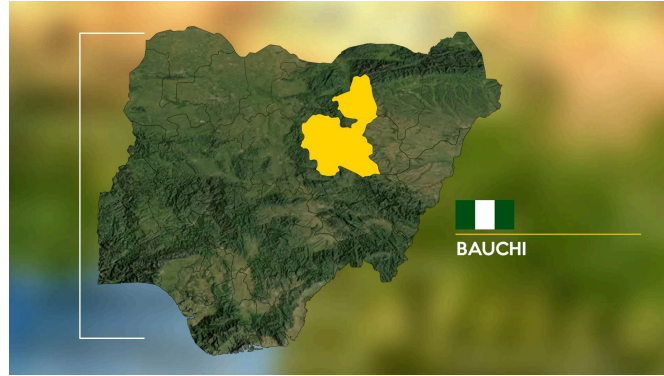


Bandits Kill 1, Abduct 4 In Bauchi Villages



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Bandits have reportedly killed one person and abducted four others in separate attacks on Kagadama and Bagel villages of Dass Local Government Area of Bauchi State

The bandits have also contacted families of the victims and demanded a ransom of N50 million to release them.

A former member of the Bauchi State House of Assembly and a House of Representatives aspirant, Hon Maryam Bagel, raised the alarm over the incidents in a Facebook post on Wednesday, describing the attacks as disturbing and calling for urgent intervention by security agencies.

Bagel explained that the attacks occurred in Kagadama and Bagel villages, where the suspected kidnappers targeted residents in separate operations.

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She wrote, “Four people were kidnapped in Kagadama village, and one person was killed in the presence of his own family in my own village of Bagel.”

Bagel said the first victim abducted was a pharmacy owner in Kagadama, alleging that the kidnappers demanded a ransom of N50m for his release.

“The first person kidnapped was a pharmacy owner operating in Kagadama. They demanded N50m to release him. Where are they expecting a village pharmacy owner to have N50m? I wonder,” she said.

Bagel further alleged that less than a week later, the gunmen returned and attacked another resident identified as Shahibi, who had previously been kidnapped about a year ago.

Bagel added, “Less than a week after, they went to kidnap Shahibi, who was earlier kidnapped barely a year ago in my village, and they killed him with several bullets in the chest and stomach in the presence of his wife, who happens to be my cousin, and their children.”

Bagel noted that the attackers returned to Kagadama on Tuesday in an attempt to abduct another shop owner. According to her, the intended victim escaped after the assailants fired several gunshots.

She added that the attackers subsequently abducted three other persons, including a 10-year-old boy attending to the shop, a sick young man who had just returned from the hospital, and another resident.

Bagel appealed to security agencies and relevant authorities to intensify efforts to prevent further attacks in Dass Local Government Area.

She urged the government to ensure that the area did not fall into the hands of criminal elements, expressing hope that Bauchi State would not experience a resurgence of the widespread kidnapping incidents that affected parts of the state in previous years.

When contacted, Bauchi State Police Command Public Relations Officer, SP Nafiu Habib, confirmed the attacks, saying that efforts were underway to ensure the rescue of the victims and

bring the perpetrators to justice.

Habib said, “Our men are aware of the situation and are on top of the matter.”

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