

Kogi: Bandits kill NSCDC officer as abducted daughter escapes

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Residents of Odo-Ere, the headquarters of Yagba West Local Government Area of Kogi, were thrown into panic on Monday evening following an attack by suspected armed bandits that claimed the life of a Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) officer.

Sources identified the deceased NSCDC officer as Mr Ayo, who was reportedly shot in the head during the bandits attack.

According to eyewitnesses, the officer was immediately rushed to a nearby medical facility for emergency treatment but was confirmed dead on arrival. His remains were later deposited in a mortuary.

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The attackers were also said to have abducted Mr. Ayo's first daughter during the incident before fleeing the community.

However, it was gathered that the victim later escaped from her captors and safely returned home.

The attack has left residents in fear and heightened concerns over the growing insecurity in the area.

As of the time of filing this report, security agencies had yet to issue an official statement on the incident. Efforts to restore calm and strengthen security in the affected community were reportedly ongoing.

The latest attack has further raised concerns among residents of Yagba West and neighbouring communities, with many calling on security authorities and relevant government agencies to intensify efforts to combat banditry, kidnapping, and other violent crimes in the region.