

Bandits kill two, burn LG chair's vehicle in Kaduna attack

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Suspected bandits on Monday killed two residents and burnt the official vehicle of the Chairman of Kajuru Local Government Area during an attack on Ugom community in Kaduna State.

The attackers reportedly stormed the Ehwakya area of the community, shooting sporadically and causing panic among residents.

Community sources identified the victims as Bitrus David, 25, and Goma Idi, 40.

The gunmen were also said to have invaded Dogon-Noma, where residents had gathered for the burial of the father of a politician, Usman D. Stingo.

Eyewitnesses said mourners fled as the assailants opened fire near the burial venue.

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During the attack, no fewer than four vehicles were burnt, including the official vehicle of the council chairman, Dauda Madaki, and that of Stingo.

In a statement obtained by The PUNCH, the chairman of the Ugom Progressive Union, Onnusim Alhaji Ishaya, described the attack as tragic.

He said, “The bandits attacked our community, shooting indiscriminately. Two of our young men have been confirmed dead. At the burial venue in Dogon-Noma, vehicles were burnt, including that of the council chairman.”

He added that several residents were still unaccounted for as of the time of filing this report and called on security agencies to intervene.

Efforts to reach the Kaduna State Police Command for confirmation were unsuccessful as of press time.