

# 3 killed as security officials foil mass abductions of Kogi WASSCE candidates

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**T**he Vice Principal of Government Secondary School, Aharha-Bunu Ganiyu Anifowose, and two others were reportedly killed yesterday after a gang attack in the Iluke Community in the Kabba-Bunu Local Government Area in Kogi State.

The attackers, said to have disguised themselves as military men,

allegedly invaded the community in an attempt to abduct students sitting for the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE).

During the attack, the gunmen, who reportedly shot indiscriminately, were said to have killed Anifowose alongside Sunday Alhassan, 70, and six-year-old Sunday Ayele.

Sources said troops stationed in Suku-Kiri Bunu, a nearby community, police and vigilantes, respond-

ing to a distress call, stormed Iluke Bunu and successfully foiled the attempt by the criminal gang to carry out mass abductions of students and staff after a gunfight.

Sources said one of the gangsters was neutralised during the exchange of gunfire.

The remaining attackers fled into the bushes, with some reportedly sustaining gunshot wounds.

One security official was injured and is receiving medical

treatment.

In a statement, police spokesman, ASP Saliu Afusat, who confirmed the incident, said the Commissioner of Police, Nazir Kanarofi, had issued a manhunt order for the fleeing hoodlums.

According to him, the 40 motor-bike-riding gunmen invaded Government Secondary School, Iluke Bunu with the intention to abduct students and other residents of the community.

