

Bandits kill pregnant woman, two others in Bauchi

A group of armed bandits yesterday killed a pregnant woman and two others along Jos road, Bauchi when they blocked the road for about two

hours. The Secretary of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Bauchi state chapter, Alhaji Adamu Abubakar, disclosed this while speaking to *Daily Trust* in Bauchi.

He said yesterday evening, "our office received a report that we should go and rescue the victims of armed robbery along Bauchi-Jos Road.

We rushed to the scene of event and found out that they had finished their operation and left. We assisted in evacuation of the corpse including a pregnant woman and two others who were slaughtered like ram by the robbers. We assisted to take their bodies to the Bauchi state specialist hospital."

Alhaji Adamu Abubakar appealed to both the federal and state governments to provide the police with modern equipment and vehicles he adding that "if our policemen were empowered, they will be able to reduce crime, he alleged that the armed robbers carted away millions of naira and robbed over 50 vehicles.

Daily Trust sought the views of the Bauchi state police command the public relations officer ASP Alhassan Gambo told *Daily Trust* that he is yet to receive the informa-

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tion but he heard about the armed robbery incident along Gombe road, Bauchi while the other one is along Kari-Azare Road.

EFCC arraigns Major over fraud

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The EFCC has arraigned one Major Victor Giwa at an Ikeja high court for allegedly defrauding a cleric, Alhaji Sanni Lawal, of the sum of N6million and 225,000 U.S dollars respectively.

The major is standing trial on a 13-count charge of conspiracy, stealing and obtaining of money under false pretences before Justice Kayode Olubunmi Oyewole. Major Victor Giwa however denied the allegations.

The EFCC prosecutor, Mrs. Esther Ayodele, told the court that the accused conspired with others now at large to defraud Alhaji Lawal under the pretence of selling some plots of land to him at Lekki Peninsula. Ayodele said the accused person through a fake document, presented himself as a retired Major of the Nigerian army and a loyalist former military president, Gen. Ibrahim Babagida, to his victim.