

Foreigner Kidnapped in neighbouring Abuja village



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...Kidnappers kill farmer while escaping

A foreign worker with a Chinese Company was reportedly kidnapped on Tuesday while working on a rail line linking Kaduna from Abuja.

The incident, City News learnt, happened at Kuchiko-Ijah, an Abuja neighbouring village close to Bwari Area Council.

A local at the village said the incident happened in the afternoon while the workers were working on the rail line.

"The suspected kidnappers came with a vehicle and started shooting sporadically into the air and the workers started running for their safety," one of the witnesses said.

According to the witnesses, the kidnapped foreigner, suspected to be a Chinese, was trying to dodge the gunshots when he was picked by the hoodlums, suspected to be kidnappers.

One of the witnesses said the suspected kidnappers took their victim inside their car and drove away without taking anything from the scene of the incident.

City News learnt from the locals that after moving about a kilometer away from the scene, the suspects parked the car they came with and set it ablaze, thereafter escaped through the push path.

Our reporters further gathered that the suspected kidnappers allegedly shot dead an elderly man working on his farm during the process of escaping.

A resident of the area said the dead farmer lived in Sabon-Bwari in Niger State.

When City News visited the locality yesterday, military men were seen searching vehicles on the road leading to the scene of the incident.

When contacted, Bwari Divisional Police Officer, Chief Superintendent Danladi Isa, confirmed the incident, saying FCT police command promptly responded by combing the entire bush around the scene of the incident even though it falls within the Niger State police command.

He said immediately the case was reported, policemen and some military men were mobilised to the scene on a rescue mission but that all efforts to trace the suspects failed.

The DPO said the police were working with other relevant security outfits to free the

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