

Boko Haram militants kill 3, abduct LG v/chairman

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Boko Haram militants have kidnapped the Vice Chairman of Hong Local Government Council in Adamawa State, Bijida Yakubu, *Daily Trust* learnt yesterday.

Police spokesman, DSP Othman Abubakar, confirmed the abduction in a chat with journalists yesterday. He said the insurgents overpowered and

killed three vigilante members who were with Yakubu. Abubakar who refused to give further details said a team of policemen investigating the incident had recovered Yakubu's shoes.

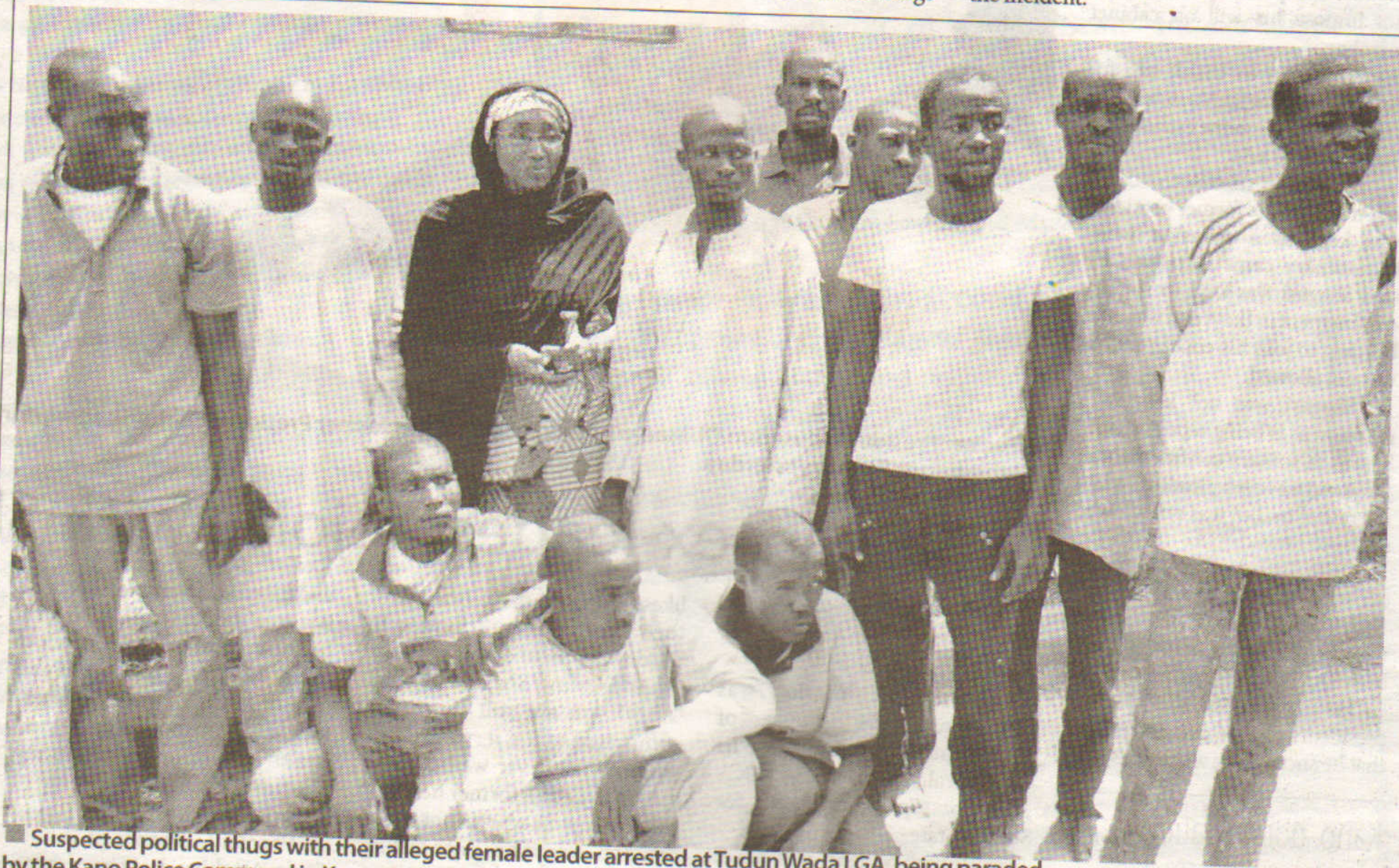
A resident of the area told our correspondent that the incident occurred in Fa'a village in Gaya ward on Monday when the vice chairman visited the community.

"Boko Haram attacked the village last week. The vice chairman who hails from the village

was on an assessment visit with some hunters when the insurgents attacked and overpowered them", he said.

A source said the insurgents had allowed the vice chairman to call his wife to tell her of his abduction before switching off the phone.

The chairman, Adamawa branch of the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON) Alhaji Sahabo Gurin, also confirmed the incident.



Suspected political thugs with their alleged female leader arrested at Tudun Wada LGA, being paraded by the Kano Police Command in Kano yesterday.

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