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Gunmen kill 3, kidnap 6 in Zamfara

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Suspected armed bandits Thursday night invaded Shinkafi Local Government Area and kidnapped six persons, including two Ghanaians, Daily Trust on Sunday gathered.

Residents said that the armed men stormed a house near one Alhaji Mai Akuya's residence and abducted three persons, including two Ghanaians who trade in onions at Shinkafi markets.

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"One of the two Ghanaians abducted later managed to escape but the other one is still with them. They kidnapped about six persons that night," a resident, Aliyu Usman said.

Before the Shinkafi attack, the criminals earlier intercepted a trailer conveying local traders from Shinkafi market and killed three of them.

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The trailer was intercepted at a spot known as Kwanar Jallaf, near a community called Birnin Yaro, just five kilometres south of Shinkafi town.

“They opened fire on the vehicle, killed the driver and dismembered his body. They also shot dead three other persons after they dispossessed them of their belongings. Kaura Namoda – Shinkafi road is now a death trap.

“Two persons who had gone to work on their farms from Kwamgami village were abducted by the armed criminals last night. However, the residents including the local vigilantes mobilized and chased the bandits until the victims were rescued. Kwangami is just one kilometre north of Moriki town,” a resident, Sani Shu’aibu said.

Shinkafi Local Government and communities around it have suffered series of deadly assaults by armed bandits and cattle rustlers. From January to date, 119 people have been killed and dozens of others kidnapped.

When contacted, the Chairman of Shinkafi Local Government Area, Alhaji Muhammad Sani Galadi, said he could not talk at that time, but will do so after a security council meeting

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