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## THE BIG STORY

# Gunmen kill bizman, 2 others in Katsina

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Gunmen suspected to be kidnappers killed a businessman, Sa'adu Dan Bagalo, hours after his abduction from his residence at Kaita town, Katsina State.

Sources told our reporter that the gunmen attacked the residence at about 1.42am, shooting sporadically which later led to a gun duel with policemen for close to 2 hours.

It was gathered that the abductors finally whisked him away and on their way along

Bakiyawa village for another operation, Bagola was said to have attempted to escape and was shot in the back and he died instantly.

When contacted, the spokesman of the state police command, SP Gambo Isah said "On 17/11/2019 at about 03:10hrs, bandits in their numbers, armed with AK47 rifles, shooting sporadically, attacked the residence of one Alhaji Sa'adu Dan Bagalo, m, aged 50yrs of Kofar Kudu, Kaita LGA of Katsina state and abducted him.

"Police patrol team attached to Kaita Division responded to the scene and gave the hoodlums a hot chase into the bush. As the chase got closer and the hoodlums could no longer sustain the tempo, they killed the victim and one Bawale Inusa, m, aged 58yrs of the same address escaped through the bush path."

SP Isah confirmed that one police officer and two others sustained various degrees of injuries during the encounter.

"Detectives led by DC CID, KTS, are combing the scene

and surrounding bushes with a view to unravelling the full identity of the perpetrators and investigation is ongoing," he added.

In a related development, gunmen last night blocked the Malumfashi-Kafur road killing one person and injuring three others.

Sources say it took the intervention of some villagers to repel further attacks on commuters along the road.

At the time of filing this report, the police were yet to speak on the incident.