

2 Security operatives kill many bandits, rescue 20 in Niger

From Abubakar Akote, Minna

Many bandits have been reportedly killed during a gun duel by a team of police, military and vigilantes in Magama Local Government Area of Niger State.

The Niger State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, made this known in a statement issued in Minna on Sunday.

Abiodun said large herds of cattle were

also recovered and 20 abducted victims regained their freedom.

He said security operatives recovered one AK-47 magazine with 30 rounds of live ammunition, seven handsets and one Honda motorcycle.

Communities in Magama LGA have been under bandits' siege for the past few days, forcing residents to flee to Kontagora, the headquarters of Kontagora Local Government Area.

3 ...Kaduna vigilantes kill 3 rescue, kidnapped family

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

Members of the Kaduna State Vigilance Service (KADVS) have gunned down three bandits that invaded Hayin Gada village in Giwa Local Government Area of the state.

The incident happened around 12am on Sunday when the bandits abducted a staff of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and his two children at his house in the community.

Daily Trust gathered that the KADVS

members in the area engaged the bandits in a gun battle after trailing them into the bush.

A member of the KADVS said, "We traced and engaged them in a fire exchange that killed three of them and we rescued the three kidnapped people. The kidnapped victims were later reunited with their family members."

It was gathered that the bodies were left inside the bush.

Calls to the state's police spokesman, ASP Mohammed Jalige, were not responded.

4 Assailants kill Okada rider, steal motorcycle in Ogun

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

A group of yet to be identified assailants has shot dead a commercial motorcyclist, Ashimiu Lawal, and stolen his bike in Abeokuta, Ogun State.

Our correspondent reports that the victim's corpse was found riddled with bullets in Leme area of Abeokuta South Local Government Area.

The corpse was taken to an undisclosed morgue by the police in

the early hours of Sunday.

A relative of the deceased, Akintunde Sanni, confirmed the incident, on Sunday to newsmen.

Sanni said a passerby who saw Lawal's corpse by the road went and notified the family of the incident.

"It is a painful thing, I was not there neither have we gotten any eyewitness, who can tell us what happened exactly. Our brother's body has been deposited at the morgue by a patrol team of the police."