Bandits Kill JTF Commander, 1 Other, Abduct 16 In Kaduna



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Bandits yesterday killed a Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) commander and a resident of Sabon Gero community at Millennium City, Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

They also abducted 16 residents including a medical doctor and his family. Six of the victims were however able to escape from the bandits.

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Our correspondent gathered that the incident which occurred between 10pm Monday and 1am Tuesday threw the community into a state of panic when the bandits stormed it on motorcycles.

It was further gathered that the JTF commander and other members opened fire on the bandits unaware that they were close to them.

A member of the CJTF who pleaded anonymity said, "The bandits opened fire and hit the commander on his legs, he fell to the ground and they shot him in the head, shattering his skull. The resident was also hit by a bullet and died on the way to the hospital.

"The bandits might have targeted the house of the medical doctor in the area because they went straight to his residence and abducted him and six members of his family.

"They raided other close-by houses and abducted nine people."

Another witness who identified herself as Mama Margret said, "Some of us were still doing some chores when we started hearing gunshots. The bandits broke into people's houses and took them away; they also took away other residents while they were trying to flee."

Another resident, Miracle Elisha, said if not for the timely intervention by neighbouring communities, the situation would have been worse

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Mohammed Jalige, had yet to respond to calls as at the time of filing this report.

Daily Trust reports that the attack came days after seven residents of Keke A and Keke B communities in the same area including the wife of a soldier were kidnapped.