

Gunmen Kill 3, Abduct Vigilante Leader, Five Girls In Taraba

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There was panic among residents of Jalingo, Taraba state capital, as gun shots rocked the town in an attack by gunmen midnight Monday.

The gunmen it was learnt, killed three persons and abducted five girls and a leader of a vigilance group in the town.

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The incident occurred on Saturday and Monday nights at different locations in the metropolis.

Daily Trust learnt that a resident and a mobile policeman were killed midnight at Lasandi, BabaYau and Sabongari.

Similarly, the vigilante leader identified as Bashir and five girls, were abducted by gunmen at about 1.30am at Saminaka Junction on Monday night.

The gunmen on motorcycles reportedly invaded the area and shot in different directions before gaining entrance into the residence of the vigilante leader.

The gunmen, it was learnt, had initially met resistance in the community but they overpowered the local security men after which they took away Bashir and the five girls.

Findings further showed that the area is located along the route of bandits based at Kwando forest in Ardo-Kola Local Government Area of the state.

More than 20 persons were abducted and four persons including chairman of Ardo-Kola Local Government council had been killed in the area by unknown gunmen in the last few months before the recent incidents.

Residents interviewed said they now live in fear because of high rate of attacks by gunmen.

One of the residents, Musa Garba, said, "I am sleeping with one eye open because nobody knows which area or house the gunmen would attack next."

The spokesperson for Taraba State Police Command, DSP Usman Abdullahi, could not be reached for comment on the attacks.

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