

① Gunmen kill 75-year-old, kidnap 3 grandchildren, family in Bauchi

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Gunmen have killed a 75-year-old man, Alhaji Katu Ma Dukkuna, and abducted his three grandchildren in Shafa village of Duguri District in Alkaleri Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

Residents told reporters when Governor Bala Mohammed went to commiserate with the families of the deceased that the gunmen

shot the man at a close range because he resisted them while trying to kidnap him.

A villager, Sani Umar, said that for about a week before the incident, gunmen had been tormenting the village.

He said they had demanded N50m ransom for the three villagers abducted in the previous attack.

The villagers called on the state government to come to their aid as they could no longer go to the

farm because of the activities of the bandits. The governor, who commiserated with the people over the incidents, urged them to supply information to security agencies in order to combat the crime.

In another incident, gunmen have kidnapped a businessman, Sunday Nnami, alongside his wife, Mercy, their four-month-old baby boy and a sales boy identified as Bala Ali, at Rafin Ciyawa village in Ningi Local Government Area of

Bauchi State.

Chairman of Ningi Local Government Area, Mamuda Hassan Tabla, and Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, SP Ahmed Mohammed Wakil, confirmed the incident.

Wakil said operatives of a vigilante group had been dispatched to the forests to comb the area for possible rescue of the victims in collaboration with sister security agencies.

Chairman of Ningi, Mamuda

Hassan Tabla, said 24 hours after the kidnap, the kidnappers released the nursing mother and the baby after some amount was paid, but were still holding onto the businessman, demanding N10m ransom before they would release him.

In another development, gunmen on Saturday abducted another businessman, Alh Ali Dogonruwa, in his house located in Dogonruwa village in Ningi LGA.