

FCT

Bandits gun down 2 vigilantes in Abuja suburb

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Two vigilante members have been shot dead during a fire exchange with bandits at Gasakpa community in Gawu ward of Abaji Area Council of FCT.

A member of the vigilante simply identified as Ishaku said the incident happened around 4.34 pm on Thursday, at a forest bordering FCT and Niger State.

He said members of the vigilante mobilised to the forest to rescue a

farmer, Aliyu Musa, who was abducted at the farm but had an encounter with the bandits.

He said the vigilantes were approaching the bandits' den, which he said was almost a few kilometres away but the bandits laid an ambush on the vigilantes.

According to him, two members of the vigilantes were killed during the exchange of fire with the bandits, saying the remains of the vigilantes has been evacuated and buried.

He said four other vigilantes who

sustained bullet wounds were receiving treatment at a private hospital in Lambata, Niger State.

The spokesperson of the FCT police command DSP Adeh Josephine is yet to reply to a text message sent to her over the incident.

Daily Trust Saturday had reported that bandits had in the past few months been terrorising residents of Adagba, Gurdi, Paiko Bassa, Rafin-Daji communities in Abaji, which shares boundaries with villages in Niger State, through the River Gurara.