

# Vigilante kills 'female kidnapper' in Kaduna

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Members of Kaduna State Vigilance Service in collaboration with some youth have gunned down a suspected female kidnapper and arrested 12 others in Lere Local Government Area of the state.

Daily Trust gathered that the vigilantes had raided the kidnappers' den located at Garun Kurama Ward in the Mariri Unit of the LGA on Tuesday.

A community leader, who did not mention his name for security reasons, confirmed the incident, saying the community were being terrorised by bandits.

"It was true that the suspected kidnappers were arrested on Tuesday. We are suffering from their activities in this area," he said.

Similarly, a vigilante, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the female suspect was killed during the raid around 3pm.

"We arrested 13 kidnappers, from their hideout with the community youths. We destroyed the camp and one female suspect was killed on the spot," he said.

According to him, those arrested were handed over to the police.

The State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel

Aruwan in a statement issued, said security agencies had reported to the state government that seven suspected bandits were arrested in the community.

According to him, the arrests were the result of sustained intelligence gathering.

Aruwan also identified the female suspect killed as Hajiya Bilkisu, a suspected accomplice who had been housing the arrested persons and was killed while trying to escape.

He appealed to citizens to avoid all forms of jungle justice and to give security agencies the needed cooperation to work in line with the dictates of the law.