

KADUNA

## Bandits kill soldier, abduct foreigner in Kaduna

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1 Suspected bandits have invaded a farm company in Anchau town of Kubau Local Government Area of Kaduna State killing security personnel and abducted two other civilians.

*Daily Trust on Sunday* gathered that one of the civilians abducted was a Zimbabwean national while the other victim is a Nigerian.

Our correspondent learnt the incident happened on August 24.

A local vigilante working in the community identified the Zimbabwean as one Mr Charles Choko.

It was gathered that there was no news yet about the whereabouts of those abducted.

Another villager who pleaded anonymity told our correspondent that he saw a team of security agents on Friday going into the nearby bush in search of the victims.

Calls to the chairman of the local government, Basher Suleiman Zuntu remained unanswered and he also didn't reply a text message sent to him as of the time of filing this report.

When contacted, the Kaduna police spokesman, DSP Mohammed Jalige promised to find out the details but didn't call back as of the time of filing the report.

2 Meanwhile, four bodies of villagers believed to have been shot by suspected bandits have been found in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The bodies, found yesterday about 6:30am at Kakau Daji village, were covered in blood.

The pictures of the four bodies, all male, obtained by *Daily Trust on Sunday* from a security source were gruesome.

The security personnel said one other victim was found alive and rushed to St Gerald Hospital for treatment.

"They were suspected to have been killed and abandoned by bandits. Four of them were taken to Sabon Tasha Mortuary while the five persons found alive were rushed to Saint Gerald Hospital for treatment," he said.

*Daily Trust on Sunday* also gathered that the victims were kidnapped from Kallah village in Kajuru Local Government a few weeks ago.

The public relations officer of the state police command, DSP Mohammed Jalige, could not be reached for comment as he didn't answer his calls. He was also yet to reply to a text message sent to him at the time of filing this report.

Chikun is one of the local government areas battling banditry in the state.