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# Bandits kill traditional ruler, son

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① Eighty-year-old District Head of Dusai in Gulbin Boka ward, Mariga Local Government Area of Niger State, Alhaji Jibrin Abara Mahoro, his son, Sani Mahoro and another villager have been killed by kidnappers.

Dusai, an agrarian community is about 5km from Kontagora along Kontagora-Rijau Road.

The community and its neighbouring villages were said to have suffered incessant attacks in the last few weeks, during which its market was completely burnt down in one of the attacks.

A resident who pleaded anonymity said the abductors of the district head had demanded N20 million ransom

Mahoro was abducted on

Monday night around 1.30am alongside four of his sons from his residence in Dusai Community and taken to an unknown destination.

and negotiation was ongoing without the community knowing that he had been killed.

“He was kidnapped on Monday from his residence alongside four of his sons while one of his sons was also killed during the raid.

“The bandits demanded N20m ransom and we were already negotiating with them. They finally settled for N13m which we were already making arrangements to raise and pay before one of his sons who later escaped from the kidnappers returned to tell us that the district head was killed the day they were kidnapped and

his body dumped in a river,” he said.

Another resident said “after kidnapping the district head, they also went away with about 20 other people. One of the sons of the district head, Sani Mahoro, was killed as well as another villager.”

*Daily Trust on Sunday* also gathered that four farmers were kidnapped at Kakihum community also in Mariga LGA.

The Niger State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, could not be reached on telephone. He did not also reply to a message sent to him.