

Bandits kill chief imam, 2 farmers in Sokoto

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Bandits have killed three persons including the chief imam of Gangara in Sabon Birni Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

The chief imam who is fondly addressed as Liman Na-Kimba was killed on Wednesday while coming back from Sokoto where he went to collect his pension.

An eyewitness account said the vehicles carrying the victim and others ran into a gang of bandits along Adamawa village who opened fire on them.

“And one of the bullets hit and killed the imam,” the witness said.

Meanwhile, two farmers were killed by bandits at Dunkawa village under the Gatawa district in the same Sabon Birni LG four days ago.

The bandits also

abducted six other farmers while working on their farms.

Leader of the vigilante group in Sabon Birni, Musa Muhammad, who confirmed the incident, said the deceased had been buried according to Islamic rites.

In another development, bandits blocked Sabon Birni-Isa Road on Thursday and robbed passengers of their money and other valuables.

Muhammad told our reporter that the victims were on their way to a weekly market in Shinkafi Local Government Area of Zamfara State from Sabon Birni.

He said the incident occurred around Makwaruwa-Turba village around 8am.

He said the bandits operated for more than two hours along the road but there was no report of any killing or abduction.