

Gunmen kill pregnant woman in Borno

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Gunmen suspected to be bandits yesterday killed a pregnant woman, Mrs Mary Barka, in an attempt to kidnap her husband in Pelachroma village of Hawul Local Government Area of Borno State.

The chairman of hunters group, Mohammed Shawulu Yohanna told newsmen that the incident happened at the weekends when the attackers who invaded the village for a kidnap operation failed to

get their targets.

He said his men were able to apprehend the culprit and handed them over to the Divisional Police Officer, DPO of Hawul, Habila Lemaka.

He said the assailants who were armed with locally made guns "Are now cooling off in the hands of police.

"On learning about the attack, I immediately mobilised my team to the village that night and succeeded in arresting the four culprits who attempted to kidnap Mr

Barka Paul Sawa, because he (Sawa) had given them his cattle to rear for him.

"Unfortunately, the bandits succeeded in killing the wife of Sawa, Mrs Mary Barka Paul Sawa.

"The four suspects who confessed to the crime when arrested are Fulani and I have since handed them to the DPO of Hawul.

"The culprits are expected to be taken to the Borno State Police Command for further interrogation and prosecution," Yohanna said.