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## 2 killed, many abducted as bandits block Bwari-Jere road

### ...Communities want military presence

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**T**wo passengers were reportedly killed by bandits who on Friday night blocked the Bwari-Jere road close to Bwari town in the FCT.

Some of the people spoken to told City & Crime that the bandits, who regularly blocked the road to kidnap travelers, came again last Friday night and blocked the road near Ganmi junction.

Isah John, one of the villagers,

told our reporter that several vehicles coming from both Kaduna and Bwari axis ran into the blockage.

He said two passengers were shot dead by the bandits and several others kidnapped.

The bandits were shooting sporadically and in the process, their bullets hit the two passengers, who died immediately, it was learnt.

The bandits operated for about an hour before leaving with the

passengers they kidnapped.

City & Crime reports that throughout the operation, gunshots were heard in villages like Ganmi, Garam, Idah and other neighbouring communities, which threw the people into panic.

A resident of Ganmi, who craved anonymity, said the bandits had earlier blocked the road at the same junction two weeks ago and kidnapped five people.

He said the victims paid huge

ransom before they were freed, adding that, "After they were freed, the bandits came out again on Friday night to abduct many more people."

A leader in one of the communities, pleaded with the military to intervene by combing the areas along the road from Bwari to Jere, adding that many villagers along the road no longer slept with their two eyes closed.

"We now live in fear; these guys are close to somewhere between Bwari and Idah or Jere. The military should please come and help us. The military has been doing well in dislodging them in the forest close to Gidan Dogo, maybe they are the ones coming here and getting closer to Bwari in the FCT," he said.

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