

## Bandit killed as villagers fight kidnappers

Villagers at Rugar Sojidi, a Fulani settlement near Issan Makaranta in Kagarko Local Government Area, have successfully neutralised one of the bandits who stormed their community to abduct residents.

The bandits had initially kidnapped three persons before the villagers resisted.

According to a statement by the police spokesperson in Kaduna, Mansir Hassan on Tuesday, all the three kidnap victims were rescued.

The incident occurred on July 2, 2024 at approximately 0130 hours.

ASP Hassan explained that police operatives in Jere received information from a reliable informant about the armed bandits' invasion at Rugar Sojidi. He said a team of police operatives was promptly mobilised to the scene, and upon arrival, they discovered that local inhabitants had resisted the bandits and successfully neutralised one of them.

Similarly, on the same date at 0130 hours, Makarfi divisional patrol team, in collaboration with local vigilantes, successfully foiled an armed robbery along the Kano-Zaria road.

He said the patrol team encountered armed robbers and suspected cattle rustlers who had blocked the road with logs of wood and stones.

He said a shootout ensued and the superior firepower of the police patrol team forced the criminals to flee into the surrounding bushes, abandoning their blue Gulf vehicle with registration number, APP 166 DG.