

Farmers Abandon Farms After Discovering Kidnappers' Corpses Near FCT



benue farmers walk around thier field

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Farmers in the Achido community in Abaji Area Council of the FCT, which borders Ohiore in Toto LGA of Nasarawa State have expressed fear after discovering decomposing kidnappers' corpses in their farms.

City & Crime had reported that vigilantes and hunters last Tuesday engaged suspected kidnappers in which several of them were said to have been killed while 14 abducted victims rescued.

Some farmers, who spoke to our reporter on Sunday, said the discovery of the corpses had instilled fear in the farmers.

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One of the farmers said since the vigilantes and hunters killed the kidnappers last week, most of the farmers have stopped going to their farms for fear of the unknown.

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A farmer in Achido, Samari Gambo, said he found three corpses suspected to be those of the kidnappers inside his farm and he was forced to return home.

He said the decomposed corpses were riddled with bullets, causing serious unpleasant odour to residents who own farms around the area.

He said, “I went to the farm on Saturday to harvest crops when I discovered three corpses of the kidnappers already decomposed and smelling. I hurriedly carried out some harvest and returned home.”

He said the corpses might have been among the kidnappers that fled with bullet wounds and later died inside the bush in the area.

Another farmer, Samuel Gwatana, also said he discovered four corpses of the suspected kidnappers inside the bush, a distance away from his farm on Saturday.

He said the discovery of the corpses had been causing serious fear among residents of both Achido and the neighbouring Ohiore village in Toto LGA of Nasarawa State.

He said, “You know since the onslaught on the kidnappers by the Miyetti Allah vigilante and hunters last week, where several of the kidnappers were killed, some farmers could not go to their farms because of fear.”

He recalled how the kidnappers had held farmers from both Achido and the neighbouring Ohiore village hostage, saying the kidnappers always send residents on errand before allowing them to work on their farms.

He said, “Before the raid on their camp, when you are working in the farm, the kidnappers will come and ask you to stop work and go to the town to buy food and other items before you will be allowed to work in your farm.”

Gwatana called on the authorities of Abaji Area Council to liaise with the Toto LGA of Nasarawa State in order to see how the decomposing corpses of kidnappers would be buried.