

Gunmen invade Kebbi varsity hostel, abduct student, kill herder

Gunmen invaded the Istijaba Villa off-campus student hostel of the Federal University Birnin Kebbi (FUBK) in Unguwar Jeji, Kalgo LGA of Kebbi State, in the early hours of Tuesday, abducting a 23-year-old student and killing a herder.

The victim, Augustine Madubiya, a 400-level Economics student, was abducted while sleeping outside his hostel room due to the heat.

Another student, Collaneous Steven, a 200-level Business Administration student, however, managed to escape the attack.

The attackers, believed to be five in number, reportedly stormed the hostel, demanding money from the students.

When their demands were not met, they physically assaulted the students and took Augustine away to an undisclosed location.

A herder, identified as Malam Siddi Hussaini, who was tending his cows near the hostel, was shot

dead while attempting to rescue the students during the invasion.

Reacting to the incident, Ahmed Idris, the Chief Press Secretary to the state governor, said Governor Nasir Idris had directed the Director of Security at the Cabinet Office, Abdulrahman Zagga, to collaborate with security agencies to ensure the safe rescue of the abducted student.

He added that the state's anti-terrorism unit had already swung into action.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in Kebbi, CSP Nafiu Abubakar, said security personnel had been mobilised, and a joint operation was ongoing to track the abductors and rescue the victim.

The university's Head of Information and Public Relations, Malam Jamilu Mohammed Magaji, confirmed that the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Zaiyan Umar, had visited the scene.