

# News

## Bandits invade Kaduna community, kill three policemen

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**B**AD news came from Kaduna State yesterday as gunmen invaded Birnin Gwari town, raided banks, a police station and killed three policemen and a civilian during a gun duel.

In the same vein, the Emir of Birnin Gwari, Alhaji Zubairu Jibril, has raised alarm that armed robbers had taken over his domain.

Jibril spoke when he led other traditional rulers, politicians and traders on a court-

### Emir raises alarm over robbers' activities

tesy visit to Governor Yero to complain about the activities of armed bandits in the area.

An eyewitness in the community said that the bandits struck in the early hours of yesterday, adding "they headed for the police station in the area and engaged in a gun duel with the policemen on duty. They later raided two banks in the town and vandalised their ATM machines."

Confirming the incident, the

state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) spokesman, Mallam Aminu Lawan, said three policemen were killed by the robbers during the attack.

He said the robbers who numbered about 100 over-powered the policemen leading to a retreat.

He said no arrest had been made but that the command was investigating the incident.

Also, Governor Ramalan Yero

who was at the invaded community, commiserated with the victims' families and pledged to tackle banditry in the area.

In a statement by the governor's media aide, Mallam Ahmed Maiyaki, he stated that Yero expressed his administration's resolve to partner with other five neighbouring states of Katsina, Zamfara, Niger, Sokoto and Kebbi to tackle the menace of bandits in the area.

The monarch claimed that the robbers raped wives of their victims and that over 7,000 cattle had been stolen so far by the bandits.

He added: "From November last year when we had the Dogondawa incident, the government promised to do something. The late governor and the General Officer Commanding, One Division were there but up till now, my people are still waiting for the state government. The situation has worsened as the bandits act with impunity."

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