

SIMILARLY, bandits abducted three persons – one woman and two men – on Sunday in Katcha community of Niger State.

The Guardian gathered that armed gangs targeted shop owners, particularly beer parlour operators, at the outskirts of the town, behind the official residence of the Divisional Police Officer (DPO).

The bandits reportedly stormed the town around 1.00a.m. and operated for three hours without interruption before they went away with the victims.

Chairman of the local council, Alhaji Mohammed Baba-Nna, confirmed the incident yesterday, saying that the kidnappers had not made any contact.

HOWEVER, a joint police-military operation in Safana Local Council of Katsina State has neutralised eight bandits and inflicted gunshot wounds on several others.

This is even as three members of a notorious criminals gang have been apprehended, and N3.6 million recovered from them.

Police spokesperson in the state, Gambo Isah, while parading some suspects at the police command yesterday, said the bandits were killed in Gazurawa and Garin Gambo villages.

Isah said members of the joint security operation had raided the bandits' hideouts in the area and recovered AK-47 rifle, ammunition and burnt motorcycles.