

③ Gunmen kill DPO, four Mopol, two vigilantes in Kebbi

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BANDITS have reportedly killed a Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and four Mobile Police (Mopol) operatives in Dankolo, Sakaba, Makuku, Dokar Kambari and Kurmin Hodo villages of Sakaba Local Council, Kebbi State.

Security sources, who confirmed the Sunday attack, said two vigilante operatives, popularly known as 'Yan Sa Kai, and an unspecified number of residents

Kidnap three from FUAM, five in Zaria

were also killed.

"The bandits too suffered heavy casualty from our men," a source said.

A resident, Salisu Adamu, said: "Bandits have attacked our villages since around 8 a.m. up to this hour. We need your prayers. They have killed DPO Jimoh Abdullahi, four policemen and two 'Yan sa Kai. They killed seven people in Inana village alone.

"They came on more than 100 motorcycles, well-armed, started shooting sporadically which prompt-

ed the villagers to flee for safety in different directions."

Spokesperson of Kebbi State Police Command, ASP Nafiu Abubakar, did not respond to calls and text messages sent to him till the time of filing this report.

But the Head of Sakaba Chieftdom, Alhaji Ladan Mohammed, described the attack as disheartening.

FEAR has gripped students and staff of Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi (FUAM), Benue

State, as gunmen, on Saturday night, stormed the institution and kidnapped three students.

Some sources in the institution, who pleaded anonymity, said the incident took place about 10.30 p.m.

While briefing newsmen, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Catherine Anene, said three students were abducted while studying in one of the lecture halls.

"The police are investigating the incident and, surely, we will get to the root of it," she added.