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Two feared dead, as Army takes over Katsina-Ala

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Trucks load of soldiers were dispatched to Katsina-Ala, Katsina-Ala Local Government Area of Benue state last weekend to maintain the peace following the disruption of law and order occasioned by gang rivalry in the town.

This is coming at the heels of the death of one person that lost his life as a result of the rivalry and another at the hand of kidnappers in the town.

Daily Independent gathered that the two rival gangs have engaged in a free-for-all shoot-out that has lasted for about a week after one of them alleged that the other had invaded its camp.

It was the reprisal attack that led to the death of one person, even as the hoodlums harassed, injured and robbed residents of the town in the wake of the reprisals.

The gang which had attacked the town in a bid to even the score against their rival is seen as political rivalry.

It was also learnt that one of the gangs was linked to the Chairman of the LG, Martins Agir, who may have already been interrogated by the state command of the Nigeria police.

Sources close to the police said that the arrest of the chairman was based on a tip-off.

Also, a middle-aged man whose name was yet to be ascertained was kidnapped by unknown persons in Katsina-Ala and later found dead on the bridge a week later.

Daily Independent gathered that the kidnappers had demanded a N6 million ransom from the family of the deceased a week earlier but their demands were not met before he was found dead.

It was also learnt that the victim who is from the eastern part of the country is a business tycoon in Katsina-Ala who specializes in the sale of farm inputs while his wife has a major provision shop in the town.

Daily Independent further learnt that the kidnappers had struck shortly after the deceased returned from burying his late father in the eastern part of the country.

Sources said that the victim may have been kidnapped after he sold some parcels of land in Enugu state which amounted to millions of naira.

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