

## Gunmen Storm Taraba Communities, Kill Five Persons

Gunmen on Monday night invaded two communities in Taraba State killing at least five people.

Two village heads, the chairman of a vigilante group and two other persons were killed by the gunmen in Karim Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State.

Residents said the gunmen, numbering about 30, invaded the two communities of Bilango 1 and Bilango 2 in old Muri area.

The traditional rulers killed were identified as Garba Dangari, the village head of Bilango 1, and Sarki Ali, village head of Bilango 2.

"The gunmen suspected to be kidnappers were said to be on retaliation mission over the killing of suspected kidnappers by hunters and vigilante in the area," a resident said.

The gunmen also reportedly abducted five children in the area before escaping

into neighbouring Plateau State, he said.

The slain victims, including the two traditional rulers, were buried on Tuesday.

The police have also deployed armed officials to the area.

When contacted, the spokesman of the police in the state, David Misal, confirmed the attack.

He said the police were investigating the attack but no suspect had been arrested.