

Bandits Invade FUT, Minna Host Community, Kill One, Abduct Two



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MINNA – Barely less than a month after the abduction of two professors and four others at the University of Abuja, bandits on Thursday killed one person, while two others were kidnapped in an attack on Gidan-Kwano, host community of the main campus of the Federal University of Technology (FUT), Minna, Niger State.

The gunmen about 12:05am engaged the local vigilante group in the area in a shoot-out that lasted for hours, causing palpable fear and tension at Gidan-Kwano, the university's main campus.

Some of the students in their account, said they heard gunshots in front of the school gate, along the Minna-Bida Road about mid-night.

While the shoot-out lasted, the students said they could also hear shouts for help by some of the shop owners in front of the main campus gate as they were being overpowered by the assailants.

It was gathered that the bandits abducted two of the shop owners after carting away some consumables.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Niger State Command, Wasiu A. Abiodun, confirmed the incident.

The police, however, said the attackers were not armed bandits but suspected hoodlums.

The PPRO stated that, “At about 2330hrs, some suspected hoodlums attacked a shop at Gidan-Kwano, opposite FUT, Minna main gate and abducted two children belonging to the shop owner”.

Abiodun further explained that, “Police/vigilante were immediately drafted to the scene of the attack for aggressive manhunt of the hoodlums and during stop and search, one of the suspects was intercepted and arrested at Barkuta village”.