

Bandits' who killed man, abducted wives arrested in Zamfara

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Police have arrested five suspected members of a vicious gang that killed a man and took his two wives hostage weeks ago in Zamfara State.

The suspects identified as Sani Boka, Alhani Kabiru Lawali, Kabiru Sani, Sani Umar and Abubakar Yakubu were said to have killed one Alhaji Umar Ibrahim of Dan-Awo village in Gummi Local Government Area (LGA).

According to Commissioner of Police (CP) Usman Nagogo, the suspects collected N200,000 from the man's residence and forced his relatives to pay N1.8million ransom.

One of the abducted women reportedly recognised Sani Boka, a native of Masama village, as one of those who killed their husband and took them away.

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She was said to have provided this detail to the police leading to Boka's arrest.

Detectives got useful information from the suspect which led to the apprehension of other suspects.

Nagogo said: "All the suspects arrested confessed to the crime. These hoodlums that were arrested are either from the same village with the victim or surrounding villages.

"One of the suspects is a younger brother to the deceased's wife and very close friend to the deceased. Let me use this opportunity to call on the public to be vigilant in their respective communities.