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state confirmed the kidnapping.

## Three killed, 15 women abducted in Niger

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**T** HREE persons have been killed and 15 women abducted in an attack by bandits in some communities in Munya and Paikoro local government areas of Niger State yesterday morning.

The communities invaded by the bandits include Beni, old and new Dalolo, Aboloso, Ishau and Amale communities

in Paikoro local government while in Munya local government area, the communities include Gwari Nyayi, Kabiri and Biri.

Two vigilantes and a middle-aged man identified as Francis Daniel were shot dead.

It was learnt that the bandits numbering over 200 invaded the communities in over 50 motorcycles in three groups.

District Head of Beni, Alhaji Jafaru Umar Sarki said the attacks began on Saturday evening and lasted for an hour with the bandits looting shops and houses for foodstuff.

He said that the bandits returned in Sunday morning and

moved from one community to another, targeting only foodstuff and provisions from shops.

Sarki also said that the 15 women abducted were made to carry the foodstuff looted from the communities for the bandits, saying that the bandits promised to release the women when they got to a particular location.