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Riot policeman, 5 vigilantes killed, 23 abducted in Kaduna

UNMEN vesterday attacked Ungwan Sauri and Adnavita communities in the Juji area of Chikun local council of Kaduna state, killing a riot policeman and abducting 23 persons.

In the Udawa area, off the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari Expressway, five vigilante members were killed on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Moham-

From AbdulGafar Alabelewe, Kaduna

med Jalige confirmed the attack, adding that operatives of the command had been deployed to the communities.

He provided no detail on how many persons were taken away by the bandits but a source said no fewer than 23 were abducted by the hoodlums.

"The sporadic gunshots

started by 12:50 in the early hours of Tuesday and lasted till 200am. Initially, we thought they were coming from neighbouring Buwaya but before we knew, the bandits were on us," a local source said.

The bandits ambushed eight vigilantes, killing five of them while three escaped, a community leader, Liman Huissaini Udawa said.

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