

Two gunmen killed, 206 victims rescued in Kaduna, Zamfara

• Assault weapons recovered

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POLICE in Kaduna yesterday said they killed one suspected bandit in Fatika District of Giwa l council of the state.

Operatives of Amotekun also said they killed a suspected kidnapper in the Okitipupa area of Ondo.

The security outfit said the suspect was gunned down in a shootout as the outlaws were taking an abductee to their camp. An Amotekun operative was reportedly wounded.

In Kaduna, security officials also arrested three suspected kidnappers in Lere

council, rescued six kidnap victims and recovered assault weapons, police spokesman Muhammad Jalige said.

A submachine gun and an AK49 rifle loaded with 31 rounds of ammunition were among the weapons recovered, it was said.

Jalige said policemen and troops of Operation Puff Adder II, on October 2, engaged the bandits in the Yadi

forest in Giwa council where a suspect was neutralised as others fled.

The Zamfara State government yesterday said they have secured the release of 200 additional persons abducted by bandits, explaining that the abductees were freed through dialogue and other security measures.

Acting Governor Alhaji Nasiru Magarya made this disclosure when he received a delegation of the Conference of Speakers of States Legislatures in Nigeria, in

Gusau, the state capital.

Magarya, who is the Speaker, Zamfara House of Assembly, received the delegation, who paid him a condolence visit over the death of his father, Alhaji Mu'azu Magarya.

The Speaker's father died while in the custody of bandits.

"I am happy to inform you that the state government has secured the release of over 200 kidnapped victims through peace and dialogue, initiated by the present administration led by the state governor," the Speaker said.