

Three shot dead, many abducted in Sokoto

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THREE persons have been killed and an unspecified number of others abducted in separate gun attacks on communities in three local government areas of Sokoto State.

The affected local councils are Tureta, Dange/Shuni and Bodinga.

The attacks, according sources, were launched by suspected bandits fleeing from Sokoto-East amid a joint security offensive tagged "Operation Sahara Storm".

Chairman Dange/Shuni council, Alhaji Umar Gidan Gara, who confirmed the incidents, said three persons were shot dead by the bandits, who also abducted 17 persons across the attacked communities.

Gidan Gara said negotiation for the release of the abductees was ongoing.