

6 Gunmen kill squadron leader, abduct son in Plateau

A RETIRED squadron leader has been reported killed, while her son was kidnapped while one other person was shot in the Jos North local government area of Plateau State.

The Nation learnt that the retired squadron leader, identified as Mrs. Hellen Odos, was attacked in the Dong area of Jos North by a gang of kidnappers at about 8pm on Christmas Eve.

It was further said that, on arrival, the kidnappers shot into the air to scare residents of the community before proceeding to the residence of the retired squadron leader, forcing their way into the house.

One of the residents of the house, who escaped the attack, said that some of the kidnappers

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positioned themselves around the house while four of them entered the building and attempted to abduct the retired squadron leader's son, which was resisted by the woman.

"In the process of pleading and trying to hold back her son from being kidnapped, one of the kidnappers pulled the trigger and shot the woman at close range."

The retired squadron leader died on the spot; another occupant was shot in the leg while the kidnappers went away with the woman's son.

"After the operation, the kidnappers, who came on motorcycles and in a car, released several gunshots into the air again to aid their escape from the

community.

"The incident caused such apprehension and tension that no one could come out of their houses one hour after the incident."

He said that the incident has been reported to the security agencies, adding that, in addition to the report, hunters and vigilantes are presently combing the hills in the area to arrest the perpetrators and rescue the son of the deceased who was kidnapped.

Another resident of the area who simply identified himself as Garba appealed to both the government and security agencies to come to the rescue of residents of the area, adding kidnapping and other crimes have become a regular occurrence in the community.