

Bandits kill five in Plateau

RAMPAGE criminals have killed five people in Jos East and Barkin-Ladi local government areas of Plateau State.

Sources from Jos East local government told The Nation that one Agada Sambo of Zangam village in Maigemu District, who went to pay ransom for the release of two kidnapped victims, Luka Izang and Azi, was held back after he delivered the ransom while Luka was set free.

According to the source, another person by the name of Jerry was sent with another ransom to free Agada; the kidnappers collected the ransom, sent Jerry back, and killed Agada and Azi, who were ear-

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lier in captivity with Luka.

It was learnt that both Azi and Agada, though from different villages, were buried on Sunday in Zangam as agreed by their relatives.

The Nation further learnt that the police, military personnel, and hunters were combing the bushes and hills of Maigemu in search of the perpetrators.

Spokesman for Plateau Police Command, DSP Alfred Alabo, who confirmed the incident, stated that men of the command were on top of the situation to arrest the culprits.

Similarly, a vigilante member and one other person were

killed, and a large expanse of farmland was destroyed, when a group of bandits attacked a village in Fan district, Barkin-Ladi local government area on Sunday around 8:30pm.

The National President, Berom Youth Moulders (BYM), Solomon Dalyop, confirmed the murder, adding that the bandits, who came from a nearby settlement, invaded Fan community when the inhabitants were preparing to go to bed.

According to him, after killing the two young men, they destroyed virtually all farms in the community, adding that the bandits also killed another person in Dasak in the Rop district of the local government.