

Bandits kill five, abduct housewives others in Zaria



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Bandits on Friday night killed five residents of Zaria, [Kaduna State](#) and abducted six others in an attack.

The incident occurred
between 10pm and 11pm
when the bandits stormed

Unguwar Dangali, under Danmagaji area of the city, to abduct innocent residents.

The police in Kaduna, the state capital, said it arrested 10 suspected kidnappers between September and Oct. 3, 2023.

The Acting Public Relations Officer of the state's police command, ASP Mansur Hassan, disclosed this at a news conference in Kaduna yesterday.

A resident of Zaria said among those abducted from the city by bandits were housewives, adding that the deceased ones were at a joint discussing when the bandits opened fire on them.

“I can confirm five dead while the six that sustained gunshot injuries are in critical conditions. The women kidnapped were also whisked away,” he said.

He described the situation as “very terrible”, saying the security agencies arrived after the attackers had left the scene.

Neither the state government nor the Police Command had issued a statement regarding the incident at press time.

When contacted to confirm the development, the second in command to the command’s PPRO, Mansur Hassan, was also not reachable.

Hassan had disclosed that operatives of the command responsible for arresting suspected kidnappers in the state capital recovered three AK47 rifles, three fabricated 10 rounds revolver, 448 rounds of 7.62 X 39mm live ammunition, another cache of 15 rounds of 7.62 X 39mm live ammunition, and a vehicle with registration number Ebonyi HKW 578 AA.

He said: “It is pertinent to note that we often have interface with you in an effort to showcasing our successes in the fight against robbery, banditry, kidnapping and other sundry crimes.

“The accomplishments are not devoid of the assurances of our definite commitment to our statutory duty, thus we seek for a robust police-public partnership in the continuous fight against criminal elements as the task of securing the communities is everybody’s duty.

“The Command is not unmindful of the security challenges bedeviling the state, amongst which are banditry, kidnapping, robbery and farmers/herders skirmishes, among others.

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“However, remarkable efforts were not spared in addressing the untoward situation which culminates in the relative peace currently being experienced by the law abiding citizens in the state.”

The calm security atmosphere in the state, he noted, is a product of strategic and tactical deployment of human and material resources as well as the purposeful synergy within the security architecture.

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The suspects, he said, were being interrogated and would be charged to court on completion of investigations.

The spokesman quoted the Commissioner of Police, Mr Musa Garba, as commanding officers and men of the Command for their gallantry and dedication to duty.

The CP warned criminals to stay clear of the state, reiterating the commitment of the police to protecting lives and property.

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Enough of killings in Zaria, other parts of Nigeria – Speaker Abbas

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, condemned in strong terms the attack by suspected bandits on Anguwar Dankali community, which claimed four lives and left five other people injured.

In a statement signed by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Musa Abdullahi Krishi, the Speaker said “enough is enough” on the killings in Zaria and other parts of the country.

Abbas charged security agencies to “descend on the killers.”

Describing the latest attack as one too many, Speaker Abbas commiserated with the families of the victims as well as the people and government of Kaduna State.

The Speaker noted with concern the spate of attacks and killing of innocent Nigerians by bandits.

He recalled, with pain, how some of his constituents were similarly killed in an attack earlier in August.

The Speaker lamented reported killings not only in Zaria but also in other parts of the country, insisting that the lives and property of Nigerians must be protected and safeguarded as provided in the country’s constitution.

He said the security agencies should go after the suspects, apprehend them and bring them to book. He further charged them with preventing the loss of more lives and property across the country.