

# Bandits chase police, mourners from burial site in Kaduna

## • Kill 2, wound others

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**A**RMED bandits, on Saturday, chased away mourners from a grave yard at Kagi village, about three kilometres from Science Secondary School, Birnin-Gwari in Kaduna State. The incident occurred around 8.40 a.m., when relatives, volunteers and a handful of policemen went to Kagi for the burial of two victims of armed bandits' attack.

A statement from Birnin Gwari Vanguard for Security and Good Governance, on Saturday, disclosed that the gunmen shot indiscriminately at the mourners at the graveside.

"The people as well as the policemen took to their

heels and returned to Birnin-Gwari town for safety.

"Later around 12.00 noon, vigilance groups, volunteers numbering about 300 and police went back to Kagi they outnumbered the armed bandits and so were able to bury those killed in yesterday's attack."

In another development, armed bandits also, on Saturday, attacked Kagi and Kugu farming communities, killing two people, wounding two others while they carted away cows and grains.

The group, in the statement, called on the federal and state government as well as security agencies to deploy more personnel to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Birnin Gwari.

However, the police image-maker, DSP Yakubu Sabo, could not confirm the two incidents.

### Suspected robber stoned dead, another left wounded in Makurdi

Two suspected robbers were mobbed by angry okada riders in Makurdi, killing one and leaving the others seriously injured.

Sunday Tribune gathered that the suspected robbers had robbed some women at the modern market in the state capital.

According to an eyewitness, the suspected robbers had allegedly snatched money from some people in the market.

The eyewitness further said that as soon as the suspected robbers snatched the money, they hurriedly jumped on a motorcycle and sped off.

The victims were said to have raised the alarm which attracted commercial motorcyclists popularly known as okada riders who gave them

a hot chase.

The suspected armed robbers were said to have been caught along Atom Kpera Road close to Bolek Filling Station and were subsequently beaten and stoned.

In the process, one of them was said to have died, while the other was saved through the intervention of policemen from the D-Division who rescued him with bloodstains all over his body as a result of stoning.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Catherine Anene, said she was yet to be briefed on the matter.

### Army parades Zamfara council vice chairman for aiding banditry, kill 4

Soldiers, on Saturday, paraded the vice chairman of Ankal Local Government Area of Zamfara State, Alhaji Yahiza Wuya, over alleged link with

armed bandits terrorising some parts of the state.

Wuya was paraded alongside seven other suspected accomplices, just as the soldiers killed four bandits following sustained raids on the gunmen in an onslaught codenamed Operations Sharan Daji and Halbin Kunama.

Addressing a news conference on Saturday evening, the force commander Operation Sharan daji, Major General Ha-keem Oladipo Otki, said the vice chairman was arrested based on credible intelligence report.

"Troops of Operation Sharan Daji in Zamfara State have arrested the vice chairman, Anka Local Government in the state, Mr Yahuza Wuya based on credible intelligence report linking him to banditry activities in the area," Otki said.

He disclosed that the vice chairman was allegedly re-

ported to seamlessly assist in selling rustled/stolen cows and donkeys as well as giving information about troops and other security agencies and vigilantes' movement to the bandits.

According to him, Wuya was also accused of aiding the release of a notorious gun runner, one Sani Yaro from Gusau prison.

He maintained that the suspects would be handed over to relevant security agency for more investigation and possible prosecution.

The Force Commander reiterated the commitment of the troops towards entrenching enduring peace and tranquility in Zamfara.

He enjoined the public to support the operation by reporting suspicious activities and movement of bandits to the close security agencies for prompt action.