

SS3 student shot, 7 killed, 57 abducted in fresh Kaduna attacks

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A unidentified student of Government Science Secondary School Birnin-Gwari, in Kaduna State, was shot by unknown gunmen on his way to register for the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) in the state on Saturday.

According to a statement issued by the Birnin Gwari Vanguard for Security

and Good Governance and signed by its chairman, Ibrahim Abubakar Nagwari in Kaduna, on Saturday, seven other persons were killed in a separate attack in the area. The statement noted that while three other people escaped with mild wounds, 57 persons were kidnapped by the assailants.

The statement reads in part: "Today (Saturday) around 10.00am, a final year student of Science Secondary School Birnin-Gwari escaped with bullet wounds on his

shoulder while on his way for JAMB-UMTE registration in Kaduna.

"The dreadful armed bandits spray bullets on the vehicle conveying the student and others at Manini village after Kuriga along Birnin-Gwari Kaduna Highway. The student is awaiting surgery for the removal of the bullet on his shoulder at Jibrin Maigwari General Hospital in Birnin-Gwari.

"Similarly, armed bandits killed seven people at Unguwar Bula, Unguwar Dafillo

and Ijinga in Randagi district, Birnin-Gwari on Saturday. The bandits on motor circles numbering fifty attacked the communities around eleven O'clock in the morning on Friday and prevented people from conducting the Juma'at prayers.

"The bandits killed six people on the spot; one other person died this morning at Jibrin Maigwari General Hospital, while 57 people were abducted, many of whom are women in the communities," the statement added.