

# Bandits kill two, kidnap priest, four others in Kaduna

As gunmen kill security operative in Ogun

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2 Bandits in the early hours of Tuesday stormed Kudenda industrial area in Kaduna South Local Government Area, where they killed a security guard and one other person, while a parish priest of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Reverend Father Joseph Aketeh, and four others were kidnapped.

An eyewitness who spoke with newsmen said the hoodlums invaded the community at 1:25 am on Tuesday and in the process killed the security guard at the parish house and one other during the attack.

"The kidnappers came around 1:25am and they started shooting sporadically for more than 30 minutes "I came to the parish house few minutes before 3.00am. By then, the bandits had already taken the parish priest, I saw the corpse of the security man lying on the ground.

"After they took the parish priest away, the security guard came out to raise an alarm thinking that the bandits had already gone, not knowing that some of the bandits were still staying behind; and that was how they shot him three times; one bullet in his chest and two in

the stomach.

"They [bandits] also attacked three houses around this area. A man was killed; they left with his brother. They also kidnapped a woman and her two children."

In another development, gunmen on Wednesday morning killed an operative of the So-Safe Corps, ASC Jimi Ogunjimi, at Areke area of Sagamu, Ogun State.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the state-owned security outfit, Moruf Yusuf, confirmed the incident, saying the deceased officer was on security surveillance to the area in company of his colleagues.

He said that the body of one Luka Philip was deposited to St. Gerald's Mortuary, while the other man, who was killed by the bandits would be buried later according to Muslim rites.

The Dean of Romi Deanery, Catholic Archdiocese of Kaduna, Very Reverend. Father Andrew Dodo, who also confirmed the incident, said that the terrorists have not demanded for ransom as at the time of filing this report.

Dodo called on Nigerians to pray for the release of people who were abducted by the kidnappers.