

# Gunmen kill one, abduct corps member, seven others in Abuja

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**G**UNMEN suspected to be bandits on Tuesday night attacked Arab Road Extension 2 in Kubwa district of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), killing one person and leaving one other person unconscious.

The bandits also abducted a youth corps member identified only as Adenike, and seven others.

The corps member, who is the only daughter of her par-

ents, was abducted when the bandits stormed some buildings in the area, shot sporadically and whisked away their victims at random.

Two persons were said to have been hit by bullets during the operation, resulting in the death of one person, while the other was rushed to the hospital.

The bandits were said to have gained access to the area from a hill to beat vigilantes who are stationed at the entrance of the area.

The police command in the FCT has confirmed the attack.

In a statement issued to newsmen in Abuja on Wednesday, the FCT Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Josephine Adeh, said the incident occurred on Tuesday.

The police spokesperson said the hoodlums invaded the area and opened fire on people, leading to the death of one person and abduction of at least four others.

The statement reads: "The Federal Capital Territory (FCT) police command has commenced investigations into the reported case of security

breach occasioned by armed robbery, shooting and abduction of some persons in the Kubwa Relocation Estate, off Arab Road area of the FCT on Tuesday, December 6.

"The Commissioner of Police, Babaji Sunday, notes that the swift response of the command in an aggressive manhunt on the perpetrators resulted in the rescue of three victims and the recovery of firearms and ammunition, including one AK-47 rifle and 25 rounds of ammunition.

"Preliminary investigations, however, revealed that at

about 7:30p.m. of December 6, some armed criminals came into the Kubwa Relocation Estate, shot two victims, one Oshodi and another Abdulwahab (both other names unknown).

"The suspects, while departing the scene, left with four victims, possibly to enable them evade arrest by the approaching police response team deployed in the area on quick intervention.

"The two gunshot victims were immediately rushed to the hospital for medical attention but unfortunately, one

of them, Oshodi, could not survive as he was confirmed dead by the doctor, while Abdulwahab is still being attended to.

"The FCT commissioner of police has called for calm, noting that the command has since deployed intelligence and other operational assets to fortify security in the entire Kubwa area and environs.

"He assured that investigations have since commenced to identify the suspects and bring them to book, while ascertaining their mission and motives."