

② Kidnappers kill three siblings in Taraba after ransom payment

·10 abducted in Kebbi

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THREE brothers have been killed by kidnappers in Lau Local Government Area (LGA) of Taraba State after a ransom was paid to secure their release.

Confirming the incident to Channels Television via telephone, the police spokesman in the state, Abdullahi Usman, said the incident took place on Sunday at Garin Dogo community in Lau council area.

The three brothers, according to the police, were kidnapped from the said community.

The kidnappers had demanded a N100 million ransom to release the victims, and the father of the trio, Alhaji Musa, a cattle dealer, had negotiated to N60 million, which they agreed to.

The kidnappers demanded that the money be paid in cash and given to them via a motorcyclist.

However, they later killed the ransom bearer and the three brothers after they received the money.

③ In Kebbi, three persons were reportedly killed and 10 others abducted on Monday after bandits at-

tacked Gaye and Shangel communities in Danko Wasagu Local Government Area.

Sources in the villagers said the hoodlums also abducted 10 people.

Five of the abductees are relatives of a member of the House of Assembly representing Wasagu constituency.

A villager said the bandits came in large numbers to attack Gaye and Shangel communities.

The source said: "They [bandits] took us unawares. We never expected the attacks, else we would have repelled them."

"This is not the first time they had attacked communities in this area."

He said the attack had left people in neighbouring communities apprehensive.

"People are now moving from the communities to where they consider safer. We need soldiers to secure this area for us."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Nafiu Abubakar, said he would reach out to newsmen with fuller details of the incident, but he was yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.