

## 3 Police in Bauchi kill two suspected kidnappers, rescue victim

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OPERATIVES of the Bauchi State police command have killed two suspected kidnappers during an operation to rescue an abducted victim.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Ahmed Wakili, said: "On March 3, credible intelligence information revealed

to the command that on the same date, at about 1:00a.m, some gunmen invaded the residence of one Alhaji Abdulhamid Muhammad at Rafin Cora village via Ningi Local Government Area in an attempt to kidnap his son, one Usman Abdulhamid (28).

"However, in the process, the victim resisted being taken away by the kidnappers and he was shot multi-

ple times in his lower abdomen.

"On receipt of the information, police operatives, led by the Divisional Police Office (DPO) of Ningi, jointly with a local vigilante group swiftly mobilised to the scene.

"The kidnappers were said to have welcomed the security operatives with sporadic gunshots in their efforts to escape.

"The operatives then engaged the hoodlums in a gun duel which forced them to scamper in disarray with possible gunshot wounds.

"Two of the kidnappers were killed on the spot, while one AK-47 was recovered.

"The victim was rescued and immediately taken to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) in Birnin Kudu, Jigawa State for treatment."