

# Bandits kill three, abduct scores in Kaduna

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**B**ANDITS, on Thursday afternoon, stormed Sabon Layi area of Birnin-Gwari in Kaduna State and killed three farmers, while scores of other farmers and travellers were abducted and taken into the forest.

A community leader in the area, Sallau Ibrahim, said the attackers stormed the village at about 12:00p.m.

Ibrahim said: "They killed three farmers -- Anas Sabonlayi, Abubakar Dankibiya, and Harisu Unguwar Lemu."

He said the attack was a reaction to military operation that is currently ongoing in the troubled areas.

It was gathered that the bandits also attacked travellers coming from the western part to Birnin-Gwari market to observe the weekly Thursday market in

the town.

The source said: "They kidnapped some of the traders/travellers on their way to the market.

"For about two weeks, the farmers didn't go to farms in the area. Today [Thursday], they decided to go but they were attacked and kidnapped."

It was gathered that the deceased were buried in Sabonlayi village at about 4:30p.m. according to Islamic rites.

When contacted, chairman of Birnin Gwari Emirate Progressive Union (BEPU), Kashim Usman Kasai, confirmed the incident.

Kasai said: "They killed three persons. Many were abducted. We are trying to know how many are in the forest with the bandits."

Meanwhile, as of the time of filing in this report, there was no official statement from the police or the state government.