

Gunmen kill traditional ruler, abduct wife, son, 12 others in Taraba

Troops neutralise wanted notorious bandit, Mai-Nasara, arrest five others in Kebbi

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GUNMEN suspected to be kidnapers, on Monday night, killed the traditional ruler of Garin Moddibo, in Ardo-Kola Local Government Area of Taraba State, Alhaji Muhammadu, while his wife and son were abducted.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the hoodlums also kidnapped eight persons in the town, while four others were kidnapped in Gulum area of Jalingo.

Chairman of Ardo-Kola Local Government, Dalhatu Kawu, who confirmed the incident to the *Nigerian Tribune*, said the gunmen invaded the town, which is a few kilometres from Sunkani, headquarters of the council area at about 11:30p.m.

Kawu said: "The gunmen invaded Garin Moddibo here in Ardo-Kola Local Government and killed Alhaji Muhammadu, the traditional ruler of the community, while his wife and son were kidnapped.

"They [hoodlums] proceeded to two other nearby villages and abducted eight other persons, including a nursing mother.

"The late traditional ruler was a peace builder who had been backing youth activities in the area to ensure crime-free society.

"I have already informed the state government about the development.

"I have also deployed hunters, led by the state chairman of hunters association, Mr Dantala Adamu, to search the forest and mountains around the local government area to rescue the

abducted persons."

Spokesperson for the state police command, Usman Abdulahi, confirmed the incidents.

He said a team of police special patrol had been deployed to ensure safe release of the kidnapped persons and arrest of the hoodlums.

Meanwhile, troops of the Nigerian Army have killed a wanted notorious bandit nicknamed Mai-Nasara at Sangeko forest in Kebbi State.

According to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*, the troops also arrested five other suspected bandits believed to be members of the same gang.

Chief Press Secretary to Kebbi State governor, Alhaji Ahmed Idris, disclosed this in a statement made available to newsmen in Birnin-Kebbi on Tuesday.

Idris reported Alhaji Ab-

dulRahman Usman, Director of Security at the Cabinet Office in Birnin-Kebbi as revealing the development.

While applauding the efforts of the security personnel in fighting crimes and criminalities in the state, especially in the southern part of Kebbi, Usman appealed to people to give the personnel all the necessary support and cooperation to succeed.

"Your support and cooperation is highly necessary for security agencies to achieve the desired goal of flushing out criminals and restore peace and normalcy in our land.

"Security is supposed to be everybody's business; therefore, people should endeavour to assist security agencies in all ramification, especially with credible intelligence towards successful combats," the director pleaded.