

# Villagers repel bandits' attack in Bauchi, kill one, rescue abducted victims

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RESIDENTS of Jajuwal, a village in Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State, on Tuesday, confronted gunmen suspected to be kidnappers who invaded the area with the aim of abducting a target.

The residents, alongside vigilante members and hunters, repelled the at-

tackers and rescued some persons who had been kidnapped by the hoodlums.

It was gathered that during the operation, one of the suspected kidnappers was killed, while others escaped into the bush with gunshot injuries.

A resident of the village told the *Nigerian Tribune* that the gunmen stormed the village late on Tuesday

and shot sporadically to announce their arrival.

The resident, who did not want his name in print, added that the villagers, having got information about the attack, had laid ambush for the gunmen and opened fire on them.

He said the response of the residents caught the hoodlums unawares, as they escaped back into the forest,

while those who had been kidnapped were rescued.

One of the gunmen was not so lucky as he was shot dead during the operation.

Efforts to confirm the incident from the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ahmed Wakili, failed as he did not answer calls made to his phone or respond to SMS and Whatsapp messages sent to him.