

Suspected bandits kill one, abduct eight passengers, demand N17m ransom

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Government Area of Niger State.

GUNMEN suspected to be bandits on Saturday killed the driver of a commercial bus and abducted eight passengers between Luma and Babana communities in Borgu Local Government Area. The incident occurred when the passengers were returning from the installation of the chairman of Borgu kingmakers and chief priest, Bakara Bonde.

It was gathered that the driver of the bus was the only one killed during the attack, while a female passenger feigned death and the bandits left her.

It was also gathered from a source that the kidnappers also

set the commercial vehicle on fire.

When contacted, chairman of Borgu Local Government Area, Alhaji Suleiman Yerima, confirmed the incident.

He said according to protocol, he had informed the Commis-

sioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Hamidu Jantabo, who will pass the information to relevant authorities.

Yerima disclosed that the bandits had made contact with the council area and deman-

ded N17 million ransom.

The council boss advised motorists plying the roads in the local government, especially at night, to always alert local vigilantes who will provide them adequate security for their journeys.