

Protest rocks Obajana after bandits kill two

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YOUTHS, on Monday morning, staged a protest in Obajana community, Lokoja Local Government Area of Kogi state, following the killing of two persons by bandits on Sunday night.

It was gathered that the bandits abducted a woman, Mrs Ruth Williams, after killing men suspected to be vigilante operatives at Oyo-Iwaa, a neighbouring community with Obajana.

The development prompted youths to take to the streets of Obajana, blocking entries

and exits to the community.

The protesting youths lamented that such attacks were becoming too frequent.

An indigene of the community, who craved anonymity said, the Obajana vigilante leader, popularly known as 'Welfare,' was killed in the attack.

"This shows that the issue at hand is beyond mere vigilante capacity. Joint force of the Nigerian Army, Air Force, Navy and others should be deployed to cleanse our forests from Lokoja down to Kwara State, which have been taken over by terrorists and bandits who

escaped from the military onslaught in the North.

"Based on the experience of the survived victims of these kidnapers, hundreds of terrorists and bandits displaced from states like Zamfara, Kaduna and others, are the ones who invaded our land and are

overrunning our communities.

"My cousin who was kidnapped last month in this Oyo Iwaa said these kidnapers are in groups, parading our land in military uniforms. They occupy the /Ruga of Fulanis who they have killed or displaced," he said.