

Bandits kill vigilante, kidnap doctor's wife, children in Kaduna

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Gunmen suspected to be bandits invaded the Juji Community in the Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State on Saturday, killing a vigilante.

Our correspondent also learnt the gangsters abducted the wife of a popular medical doctor in the area, his children and security guard.

The hoodlums, who reportedly stormed the community around 10pm on Friday, engaged police officers in a shootout said to have lasted for some hours.

The attack came a few days after a 14-year-old boy and his mother were kidnapped from the community.

Juji has suffered a series of attacks by mobsters, resulting in the abductions.

Meanwhile, residents of the community took to the street on Saturday in protest against the latest attack.

A resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told our correspondent that after the shootout with police, the ruffians stormed the residence of the doctor about 4am on Saturday and "took away his wife, children, and

security guard" to an unknown destination.

The protesters called on the government to save them from bandits who invade the community at will to carry out attacks.

Spokesman for the police

Panel asks Kwara to reclaim diverted govt property

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The Chairman of the Kwara State Government Property Recovery Committee, Senator Suleiman Ajadi, has said the state government will reclaim more property illegally acquired by politicians in the state.

Speaking on Harmony 103.1 FM Idofin on Thursday, Ajadi said some top politicians owned many of the landed property left by the founding fathers of the state, along with their friends and cronies.

According to him, nearly all the structures built by former governors such as David Bamigboye and George Innih had either been sold or given to friends as gifts by some ex-governors.

He said, "The government quarters including the house allocated to me as guest chalet in Ilorin have been sold. You

in the state, DSP Yakubu Sabo, told our correspondent on the telephone that he had yet to be briefed about the incident.

He said, "Let's find out. I will get some facts and get back you. Presently, we are on our way to Sanga Local Government Area

will not be surprised that the land acquired by them (founding fathers of the state) for public use were given to their friends and cronies."

Ajadi added, "The land acquired for a market at Ganmo and another one acquired as (rubbish) dump at Amayo in Ifelodun Local Government Area have been sold while our committee discovered a 96-acre land at Eyenkorin, near Ilorin designated as a parking space for vehicles bringing loads to the state, which people say belong to a former governor, and an expanse of land between Share and Bode-Saadu acquired for industrial purpose, but nothing has been done there.

"They also sold things which are supposed to be of immense benefit to our people and be a source of revenue to the government.

"For example, Kwara

for today's election but let me get the DPO and get some facts."

However, all efforts made by our correspondent to reach Sabo later in the day were unsuccessful as he failed to answer his calls as of the time of filing this report.

Poultry Farm worth about N200m was sold for N13m.

"There is a government interest known as KP3 which was managed by people outside the state. Those who managed it are not from the state, the only employee who is a Kwaran is the driver. Can you also imagine the case of IVTEC, Ajase-Ipo which is supposed to be an international vocational centre.

"We also discovered that part of the state government land in Kaduna opposite the Kaduna State House of Assembly was dashed out to a friend of a former governor. There are also many cases like that."

Ajadi said the committee had asked the state government to reclaim all the government property.

He said he had received many text messages from some people threatening him.