

Bandits kill two, kidnap 13-year-old girl in Kaduna

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Gunmen suspected to be bandits on Thursday attacked Angwan Alkali, in the Maraban Rido area of the Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State, killing two people.

Among those killed was a prison official.

Our correspondent learnt the bandits abducted a 13-year-old girl during the incident which occurred around 1am.

It was learnt the gunmen headed for the home of the warder after invading the community.

According to a source, as the bandits were busy breaking into the warder's home, a neighbour who witnessed the incident raised the alarm but no help came.

Our correspondent learnt that the bandits operated freely for hours.

The source said, "On gaining access into the warder's home, they killed him and moved to the home of the neighbour who raised the alarm.

"They abducted his 13-year-old daughter who was in the house."

However, our correspondent learnt that one of the gunmen was caught and lynched as the hoodlums were about leaving.

A leader in the community, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told our correspondent on the phone that the bandits came in large numbers.

He said, "I thought they wanted to kidnap him (warder).

"As they were breaking into his house, his neighbour raised the alarm but no one could respond because the bandits were many and they were carrying guns.

"There is no how anyone could dare them because the people don't have any weapons to confront them.

"But one of the criminals was killed as they were escaping from the community. The police came to remove his corpse this morning."

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As of the time of filing this report, the police had yet to confirm the incident as a call put across to the spokesman for the force in the state, ASP Muhammad Jalige, was not answered.

Meanwhile, the police in the state said they had arrested three kidnap suspects terrorising Idon Gida and its environs in the Kajuru Local Government Area.

Jalige, in a statement on Friday, identified the suspects as Kamal Babawuro (22), Yahaya Gaiya (24) and Gambo Abubakar (57).

He said the victim, a female, Hadiza Gambo (22) of Bungel Ladugga village in Kajuru LGA who the suspects allegedly collected N1m as ransom from, was rescued by them.

Jalige said the suspects had been undergoing investigation.

He said the Commissioner of Police, Mr Umar Muri, had vowed to protect every community in the state.

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