Bandits kill two, abduct scores in Kaduna community

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Gunmen have abducted scores of residents of Ungwan Gwaiva community in the Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State, killing two persons.

Those killed were said to be volunteers, a government statement said on Thursday.

The volunteers were said to be closing in on the kidnappers when they were ambushed at a forest near Ungwan Yashi in the same LG.

The volunteers killed were identified as Sunday Bawa and Samuel Luka.

However, the state government said both the ground and the air component of the Operation Thunder Storm were carrying out an aggressive patrol along the Gadani general area which shared boundary with Niger State.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr Samuel Aruwan, said in a statement, "The government has received a security report on how bandits kidnapped some citizens at Ungwan Gwaiva in Chikun LGA and killed two volunteers, Sunday Bawa and Samuel Luka, at a forest near Ungwan Yashi.

"The names of those kidnapped will be made public as soon as security agencies provide subsequent operational feedback."

The commissioner also said troops of the Special Forces of Operation Safe Haven had arrested two suspects in connection with a murder in Zango-Kataf LGA of the state.

According to Aruwan, the military informed the Kaduna State Government that the suspects had been handed over to the police.

He said the suspects, Malam Abdullahi Hamza and Idris Mohammed, were arrested at Kakwa village for alleged involvement in the murder that occurred in October 2020.

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