

Troops recover two herders' bodies, arrest nine suspects in Kaduna

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TROOPS of Operation Safe Haven have arrested nine persons in connection with an attack which left five people killed at Kurmin Gandu village in the Zango-Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

According to the state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr Samuel Aruwan, the attack happened on Sunday.

He identified the victims as Ishaya Aboi, Regina Ishaya, Goodluck Dauda, Joseph Adamu and Hassan Joseph.

In that incident, houses were razed, while motorcycles and bags of ginger were reportedly stolen.

The commissioner, in a statement on Wednesday, also disclosed that troops recovered the corpses of two herders in the Mabuhu-Wawan Rafi general area of Zangon Kataf LGA.

He identified the victims as Yusuf Ahmadu and Mustapha Bako, adding that they went missing after going out to graze their cattle.

"The cattle were eventually found wandering about the area unattended, with some bearing gunshot wounds. The herders'

Sokoto commissioner's sister-in-law, brother

Goronyo Local Government Area of the state.

He said, "It was about 12.45am that suspected bandits attacked our house in Gorau town and abducted the wife of our elder brother, Alhaji Lawali Gorau, and one of our brothers, Hassan Manyu.

"The information I got was that the bandits stormed our house and started shooting

corpses were found shortly after," Aruwan added.

On the arrest of the nine suspects by the troops, the commissioner said the suspects allegedly attacked Kurmin Gandu

Police intensify search for abducted Chinese expatriate in Ekiti

Abiodun Nejo, Ado Ekiti

THE police in Ekiti State said on Wednesday that security agencies were intensifying efforts on the search for a Chinese national abducted at Igbemo Ekiti in the Irepodun Ifelodun Local Government Area of the state.

The expatriate, who was said to be one of the experts supervising the construction of the Ilupeju-Ire-Igbemo-Ijan Road, was abducted at Igbemo Ekiti while driving a van.

The state Police Public Relations Officers, Sunday Abutu, said operatives of the Rapid Response Squad had launched a manhunt for the kidnappers.

Abutu said, "Our RRS men swung into action immediately the news broke on Tuesday. They are combing all the surrounding

sporadically. They eventually whisked away my sister-in-law and brother.

"We pray for Allah's protection and their safe return."

The youthful commissioner said the kidnappers had yet to contact his family.

Efforts to reach the Sokoto State Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Abubakar Sanusi, were abortive as of press time.

village, Zangon Kataf LGA.

He said the suspects were apprehended following intensive tracking by the troops, adding that weapons were recovered from them.

Aruwan said the suspects had been handed over to the police.

bushes. We are sure that the abductee will be released soon."

Meanwhile, a combined team of police and operatives of the Department of State Services arrested four men in Navy uniform who posed as operatives of the proscribed Nigerian Merchant Naval Corps during their visit to the office of the Chairman of the Irepodun/Ifelodun LGA, Shina Ogunleye.

Ogunleye, who said the arrest followed his report to the security operatives, said he suspected the men were on a kidnap mission.

He said, "Before they came to my office, I suspected foul play and I had to inform some higher security officials in the state, who tutored me on what to do.

"I arrived in the office around 10am and as I was entering my office, they wanted to follow me, but they were prevented from gaining entry until the DSS and police operatives arrived at the scene.

"The security agents asked them some questions, but they could not provide appropriate answers. It was then we realised that they were fake officers and that they came for a sinister mission."

The police spokesperson said, "The suspects said they were in Ekiti to set up a base for their security outfit in Igede Ekiti."