

Bandits kill policeman, five others, abduct 23 Kaduna residents

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Some bandits in two separate attacks killed six security operatives in communities in Kaduna State between Tuesday and Wednesday.

Twenty-three other residents were abducted by the bandits. Those killed included five vigilantes and a riot policeman.

The bandits attacked three communities, Udawa, Ungwan Sauri and Adnayita in the Juji area, all in the Chikun Local Government Area.

In Ungwan Sauri and Adnayita, the bandits were said to have invaded the communities on Wednesday, shooting indiscriminately, killing the police officer.

The state police Command's Public Relations Officer, Mohammed Jalige confirmed the attack, adding that operatives of the command had been deployed in the communities.

Jalige couldn't give details on the number of residents taken away by the bandits, but a source told our correspondent that no fewer than 23 members of the communities were abducted.

"The gunshots started by 12.50am on and lasted till 2am and before we know, the bandits were on us. They killed a mobile policeman

"Ungwan Sauri and Adnayita communities are close to each other. About 23 persons were kidnapped."

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The attack on Udawa community was said to have happened on Tuesday around 5pm,

According to a community leader, Liman Huissaini Udawa, the bandits ambushed eight vigilantes and killed five of them while three others escaped.

He said the vigilances were attacked along the Kaduna-Birnin-Gwari highway.

He told our correspondents that five vigilance group members had been buried with accordance to Islamic rites, adding one vigilante was injured and was receiving treatment in hospital.