Bandits kill Kaduna community leader, kidnap scores of travellers

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ANDITS in large numbers rained bullets on travellers along the Kaduna-Zaria highway, killing a community leader, Alhaji Sani Dogara.

Several of the travellers, according to a source, were abducted by the hoodlums.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the travellers were on their way to Kaduna State.

A chieftain of the All Progressives Congress in the state, Alhaji Tijjani Ramallan, said Dogara was killed by the bandits around 8pm on Monday.

The travellers kidnapped by the bandits were said to have been taken into the forest.

Meanwhile, the Kaduna State Public Relations Officer, ASP Mohammad Jalige, said operatives in Zaria killed two bandits.

He added that the policemen recovered motorcycles used by the

bandits to terrorise the people of Zaria and its environs.

Jalige said, "On December 13, 2021, around 4.40pm, operatives of the command attached to 47 PMF Squadron, Zaria, while on a confidence-building patrol within Fatika district of Giwa LGA, Kaduna State, intercepted some bandits around Riheyi village of the same district.

"The encounter, which resulted in a heavy gun duel, saw the police operatives had the last laugh. Having applied gallantry and firing precision that successfully neutralised two bandits, they recovered an AK-47 rifle loaded with 10 rounds of 7.62 X 39mm live ammunition and an operational motorcycle.

"The Commissioner of Police, Kaduna Command, Mudassiru Abdullahi, commended the officers for their display of professionalism cum uncommon courage to achieve the desired result."