

# Gunmen kill three in Kogi, abduct govt official

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**A** board member of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission, Alhaji Isah Salami, has been kidnapped in Kogi State.

He was reportedly kidnapped in the early hours of Thursday on his way to a mosque in Ogaminana, in the Adavi Local Government Area of the state.

Reliable sources said the kidnappers came in a vehicle with which they took the victim away around 5am.

An eyewitness, Ilyas Okaraga, said another person was also shot by the hoodlums.

"A young man, who attempted to save him from the gunmen, was shot. He was rushed to a hospital for treatment," he added.

Our source disclosed that Salami inaugurated a water project in Adavi on Wednesday before he was kidnapped on Thursday.

The incident was confirmed by the state Police Public Relations Officer, SP William Aya, who also said one person was killed in the process.

Meanwhile, some gunmen on Wednesday

shot three occupants of a car on the Federal College of Education Road in Orite.

One of the occupants of the car reportedly escaped by a whisker, while two others were killed by the hoodlums.

The police spokesman, Aya, said the state Commissioner of Police had drafted security men to go after the assailants.

## Edo community detention over

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**R**ESIDENTS of Iviukwe community in Etsako East, Edo State, have called on Governor Godwin Obaseki and the Inspector-General of Police, Usman Alkali, to intervene in the alleged harassment and detention of community members by the police over the sale of community land.

Addressing journalists in Benin on Thursday on behalf of the community, a resident, Okpame Ozekhome, accused a lawyer, Chief Mike Ozekhome, and the Okumagbe of Uvhano, George Oshiapi, of instigating the arrest to stop community members from asking questions about the sale of 5,000 hectares of land to Dangote in 2013 for