

# Three kidnappers, vigilante killed in Bauchi, abductees rescued

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**T**WO kidnappers and a yet-to-be-identified vigilante have been killed when a gang of kidnappers engaged security operatives in a gun battle in the Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Ahmed Wakil, who confirmed the development in a statement on Thursday, said the kidnappers, after abducting and shooting two victims along the Tulu-Rishi Road in the local government, were intercepted at their hideouts



• Bauchi Gov, Bala Mohammed

in Doka Auwalu Mountain, in Toro LGA.

Wakil said the security operatives engaged the suspects in a gun battle and killed two kidnappers, adding that a vigilante lost his life during the gun battle with the suspects.

He said, "In furtherance of our commitment to crackdown on criminal elements, on August 27, 2022, around 9pm, credible intelligence available at the disposal of the Tulu Divisional Police headquarters on the activities of suspected kidnappers that

on August 26, 2022, suspected kidnappers blocked Tulu-Rishi Road.

"They kidnapped one Alh Alhassan Gambo of Anguwan Bawa, Kaduna State and shot one Alh Mujitafa Usman of Funtua LGA, Katsina State, who was on a business trip to Tulu.

"Later, on August 28, 2022, a combined team of policemen led by Divisional Police Officer, Tulu Division, and vigilantes embarked on combing their enclave on intelligence reports.

"On August 29, 2022, the suspected kidnappers, who were intercepted at Doka Auwalu Mountain of Tama ward Toro LGA, swiftly engaged in a gun duel, and following hot exchange of superior firepower from the operatives, two of the suspects were neutralised."

Wakil said other suspects scampered in disarray with gunshot wounds, adding that one vigilante member paid a supreme price in the process.

"Consequently, the operatives successfully rescued the following victims, Alh Alhassan Gambo, 60, Badamasi Saadu and Abdullahi Sani. They reunited with their families after a medical examination," the PPRO said.

Wakil said that after follow-up and intensified surveillance in the area, two suspects were apprehended during the operation who were found wandering aimlessly in the area.

He said that investigation is ongoing to establish their connection or otherwise with the suspected kidnappers.

"While commending the operatives, the commissioner of Police, CP Umar Mamman Sanda, equally commiserated with the family of the vigilante member who sacrificed his life while protecting life and property of the citizens," he said.

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visited along with some men who made the area free and motorable for commuters and pedestrians to commute."

## bandits in Kaduna community



• Kaduna Gov, Nasir El-Rufai on clearance patrol in the community.

He said, "Troops of Operation Forest Sanity made further gains as they continued fighting patrols and clearance operations in the Birnin Gwari area.

"In an operational feedback to the Kaduna State Government, it was reported that the troops embarked on the clearance patrol along the Birnin Gwari-Doka-Sabon Layi-Kuriga-Maganda-Farin Ruwa road.

"The troops made contact with the bandits at Farin Ruwa. Two bandits were neutralised in the encounter, as the criminal elements were forced to withdraw under the troops' superior firepower.

"The Kaduna State Government received the development with satisfaction, and commended the troops for another successful round of operations. Clearance and fighting patrols continue in the general area."