

# Bandits kill two, abduct general hospital

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**A**RMED bandits have attacked the Abdulsalam Abubakar General Hospital, Gulu, Niger State.

The bandits, who killed two people, were also said to have abducted many others, including the hospital doctor and a pharmacist.

A resident, Nda Mohammed, who spoke to our correspondent, said the incident happened around 2am on Tuesday.

He said, "They just started shooting. People woke up from sleep and started running for their lives. Then the hoodlums went into the hospital and packed as many people as they wanted, including the doctor, and left.

"One of the people they killed was a former officer in the hospital who lived opposite the hospital. I don't know his other name, but we called him Ya-



• Niger police commissioner, Ayodeji

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"Nobody stopped them and no security agent showed up; not even the local vigilance group members came."

Those reportedly abducted included the head of Clinical Services, identified only as Dr John; Head of Haematology, Usman Zabbo; the wife of the

head of nursing and his two daughters; the head of the medical laboratory; the wife and daughter of the chief pharmacist, among others.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasu Abiodun, said eight people were abducted, including a doctor.

He said the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Ogundele Ayodeji, had led a reinforcement team to the area, adding that other tactical teams and vigilantes had been deployed.

The Chief Press Secretary to the Governor of Niger State, Mary Noel-Berje, in a statement on Tuesday, described the attack as inhuman.

"The recent attack and killing of some persons at the Gulu General Hospital, and the abduction of an unspecified number of innocent people, including medical personnel, are callous, inhuman and

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condemnable," the statement said.

The state government

lamented the state of insecurity in that axis, saying the attack on the hospital was regrettable.

## Indian boss allegedly drugs, rape victim wakes in wardrobe

Matthew Ochei, Asaba

**A** 17-year-old girl has been allegedly raped by her Indian boss in Asaba, the Delta State capital.

The victim's uncle, who asked to be identified simply as Chigozie, said the Indian called his niece on Sunday to assist him in cooking.

He said, "Two of my nieces, after they finished their SSCE, went to look for work at a company, Wonder Pack. The company offered them a cleaning job and told them that they would be helping with cooking as well.

"On Sunday morning, one of the Indian bosses, Mr Gange, called my niece to come and assist in going to the market and cooking, because they

stayed in a lodge inside the company.

"My niece went there around 9am and we waited for her till 6pm without hearing from her. We tried her phone number, but it was switched off.

"Around 7pm, family members moved to the company. On getting to the gate, the police officers guarding the Indian man refused us entry, saying our sister was not there.

"We left and reported the matter at a police station, but the police asked us to go home and wait till Monday morning that the girl might come back.

"Fortunately, around 2am, her phone number rang, but nobody picked. We could not sleep that night. She later called us back around 8am, screaming that she was dying.

"We quickly moved to the company