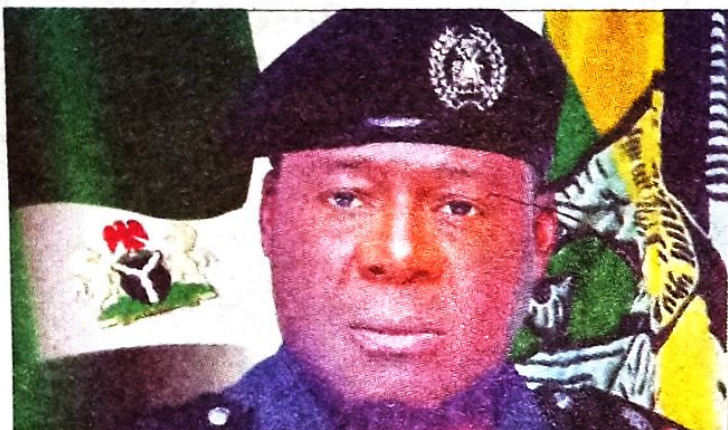


Bauchi gunmen shoot villager dead, kidnap monarch's wife, son



•Bauchi CP, Aminu Alhasan

Armstrong Bakam, Bauchi

GUNMEN, on Monday, reportedly killed a yet-to-be-identified villager and injured another during an attack on the Magamin Kano village, in the Ningi Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that following the attack, the gunmen invaded the residence of the traditional ruler in the community, Bashir Abubakar, and kidnapped his wife and son to an unknown destination.

A source in the community, while expressing sadness over the attack, said the injured victim had been rushed to the Ningi General Hospital for prompt treatment.

The source explained that the assailants targeted the traditional ruler but he was able to escape, adding that his wife and son were unlucky as they whisked them away into a nearby forest in the Ningi community.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Ahmed Wakil, could not be reached for confirmation as of the time of filing this report.

PUNCH Metro had reported that gunmen recently invaded the Kafin Lemo community, broke into shops and houses and carted away several valuables worth millions of naira.

During the invasion, the suspects reportedly shot one person in the leg.

It was learnt that the constant attacks in Ningi LGA had been throwing residents into a panic as they expressed fear over going about their businesses

in various communities in the LGA.

Members of the community claimed that in the last month, gunmen who invaded a number of villages in Ningi LGA had killed two people and kidnapped many other persons.

They also said the kidnappers had collected ransom to the tune of about N50m from the families of kidnapped victims before they released the abducted victims.

Power

Amarachi Okeh

THE families of two persons, Oyegwu Afoso and David Agbagie, have been thrown into mourning after soldiers allegedly shot them to death in the Afokpella community, in the Etsako East Local Government Area of Edo State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that members of the community embarked on a peaceful protest to express their grievances against underemployment by the two cement factories operating in the community.

During the demonstration which started around 6am on Monday, the protesters were said to be chanting solidarity songs as they complained that the portion of indigenes of the community in the employment of the cement factories were casual workers who lose a certain percentage of their salaries to traditional rulers in

Vigilantes kill Anai

Ikenna Obianeri, Awka

POLICEMEN of the Ogidi Division of the Anambra State Police Command have arrested the Commander of the Ojoto Community Vigilance Group and two other suspects linked to the alleged kidnap and murder of a tricycle operator, Christian Onah.

Onah, a 25-year-old commercial tricycle operator who hails from the Ovoko community in the Igbo-Eze South Local Government Area of Enugu State, was declared missing when he did not return home after he went out for his usual business on May 28, 2023.

Until his disappearance, Onah was said to be residing in the Oba community, in the Idemili South Local Government Area of the state.

A yet-to-be-identified neighbour reportedly raised the alarm over his sudden disappearance and subsequently reported the matter at a nearby police

station.

Speaking on condition of anonymity for security reasons, the neighbour said when Onah's whereabouts remained unknown for some days, the owner of the tricycle he was using for commercial purposes on hire purchase engaged the services of a security tracker and it led to the arrest of a man in possession of the missing tricycle.

The neighbour said, "On further interrogations, the man confessed to buying the tricycle from the Ojoto Community Vigilance Group and took the police operatives to the place.

"When the police arrested the vigilante official that sold the tricycle to him, he subsequently mentioned the vigilante commander as the one who masterminded the abduction and subsequent killing of Onah. He said they threw his corpse in a river in the Mmili John Ojoto community."

Onah's father, Emmanuel, who had been grieving over the death of his son, demanded