Gunmen kill Bauchi herder, abduct 12-year-old brother

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The family of Alhaji Ibrahim, a cattle rearer in Kunkar Village, Alkaleri Local Government Area of Bauchi State, is mourning the death of his 35-year-old son, Adamu Ibrahim, who was shot dead by suspected gunmen in the Yankari bush on Sunday morning.

PUNCH Metro gathered on Monday that the attackers also abducted Adamu's younger brother, 12-year-old Suleiman, during the incident.

Adamu and Suleiman were said to be tending their father's cattle in the forest when the armed men accosted them, demanding to know the owner of the herd.

Fearing for his life, Adamu reportedly attempted to escape but was shot in the left leg and left to bleed to death, while his younger brother was taken away.

Confirming the incident in a telephone interview on Monday, the spokesperson for the Bauchi State Police Command, Ahmed Wakil, told *PUNCH Metro* that the matter was reported by the children's father.

Wakil explained, "We had an incident that was reported by Alhaji Ibrahim, a 68-year-old, around 8:20am. One of his sons called him from Yankari bush, saying that some armed men had met them inside the bush and were asking about the cattle they were rearing.

"Adamu Ibrahim attempted to run but was shot in the left leg and left to bleed to death. The gunmen also abducted Suleiman Ibrahim, a 12-year-old boy."

Wakil noted that the Commissioner of Police, Sani-Omolori Aliyu, immediately directed security operatives to move to the scene.

"The police evacuated the body to a primary health centre where he was confirmed dead by a doctor on duty," he said.

According to him, the CP has ordered a joint operation involving security agencies and local vigilante groups to comb the entire community and nearby bushes in search of the suspects.

"The Commissioner of Police has directed officers and men of the security apparatuses, such as the vigilante group and others in the community, to comb the area for the possible arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators," Wakil said.

Meanwhile, PUNCH Metro reported on Monday that the command had also detained four suspected armed robbers believed to be part of a 20-man gang that invaded the Madina Quarters and Fadaman Mada areas of the state on August 16, 2025.

Armed with guns, machetes, knives, and sticks, the hoodlums reportedly stormed the areas in the early hours of the day, dispossessing about 10 residents of valuables, including 14 mobile phones, two television sets, two male gowns, and N100,000 in cash.