

# 2 killed, several missing in Kwara LG

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**THERE** was palpable tension in Kaiama Local Government Area of Kwara State at the weekend as no fewer than two bodies were discovered by police while several people are still missing in a clash between members of local vigilance group and some gunmen.

The Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Deputy Superintendent of Police, Ajayi Okasanmi who confirmed the recovery of the bodies at the

weekend said five suspects had been arrested and were assisting the police in their investigation.

It would be recalled that the local vigilance group in the area recorded casualties in an attempt to dislodge the gunmen from their camp at the centre of the 50-kilometre National Park located in the area.

A source who spoke with Daily Sun said that the gunmen often dispossessed residents of the communities in the area of their belongings, particularly food, livestock

and cash.

The source, who preferred anonymity said that the hoodlums attacked the people in Tungan Maje, Woro and Nukku after mounting a road block.

According to him, it was when combination of military and mobile police force deployed in the area while combing the forest that they saw the bodies of some of the people declared missing.

The source said the weapons used by the gunmen were more sophisticated than the ones used

by members of the local vigilance group.

The chairman of the council, Abdullahi Abubakar, while commenting on the ugly incident said that deployment of members of the local vigilance group was for surveillance to prevent further attacks on communities in the area.

"Unfortunately, when members of the vigilance group approached the gunmen in their camp, they killed one vigilance group member while three others are still unaccounted for," he said.