

# Bandits kill hunter, 2 others in Kaduna

From **Noah Ebije**, Kaduna

**BANDITS** yesterday killed two persons in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Also, a hunter was reported killed by the bandits in Chikun Local Government Area of the state.

Confirming the incident, the state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said: "Troops under the auspices of Operation Thunder Strike have continued fighting patrols in Gwagwada general area of Chikun Local Government Area which connects with the Kaduna-Abuja Highway.

"An operational feedback to the Kaduna State Government revealed that the troops conducted clearance patrols to Napayako and Dajin Wuya, during which several bandit camps were destroyed.

"The patrol followed an earlier attack by bandits on hunters in the forest, when two hunters were left

with gunshot wounds.

"During the clearance operation, the troops mobilized to the location with some hunters, who escaped the prior attack.

"While the camps were dislodged, one of the wounded hunters, Yohanna Yakubu, was found.

The other hunter, Isuwa Tanko, was eventually confirmed dead.

"In a sad development, armed bandits attacked Garu village of Igabi Local Government Area in the early hours of today (Wednesday), killing two locals, Aliyu Daiyabu and Safiyanu Muhammad.

"Governor El-Rufai sent his condolences to the families of the two killed in Igabi Local Government area, and of the hunter found dead in Chikun local government area, while offering prayers for the repose of their souls. He also wished the injured hunter a quick recovery."

## Absence of judge stalls Oyo-Ita's trial

**ABSENCE** of Justice Taiwo Taiwo of the Federal High Court, Abuja yesterday again stalled the trial continuation of former Head of Service (HoS) of the Federation, Mrs Winifred Oyo-Ita, on allegations bordering on fraud.

Although counsel to the parties in the matter, including the defendants, were in court, Justice Taiwo was not in court.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) recalls that the case could not also hold on October 20, 2020, because the judge, who sat during

the annual vacation of the Federal High Court, proceeded on leave.

The matter was, however, fixed for December 1, 2020.

When the matter came up on December 1, counsel to the former HoS, Paul Erokoro, and other defendants' lawyers, urged the court to adjourn the trial sine die over alleged abuse of court process by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

The judge then adjourned the ruling on the application by the defendants' counsel until December

3, 2020 but the matter could not hold, and was later fixed for January 13.

However, the matter did not come up as scheduled and the lawyers involved in the case took another date after the court registrar informed them that the court would not be sitting.

The case was then fixed for January 28.

Oyo-Ita was arraigned before Justice Taiwo, on March 20, 2020, by the EFCC on an 18-count charge bordering on fraud to the tune of about N471, 633, 291.

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