

# Gunmen kill pregnant woman, son in Aba

From **Ogbenaya Naukwu, Abia**

A pregnant woman and her son have been killed by bandits in a market in Aba, Abia State.

This is as security operatives have intensified efforts to apprehend bandits involved in heinous crimes in parts of Abia State. This may have forced the hoodlums to go underground as they now operate in the villages.

Witnesses said the robbers, who arrived on a motorcycle in Abia Nkwu market, in Ikeala Ahlaba, along Mgboko/Obikabia road in Obingwa council area, could not find the POS operator who was their target and resorted to harassment and stealing from petty traders, taking away their

personal belongings including cash and cellphones.

Daily Sun gathered that, while stripping them of their belongings, some of the traders allegedly challenged the hoodlums during which

they shot a woman and her son, who were close by.

A source who identified the dead woman as Nwanyi Chosen (meaning Chosen woman), a dealer on cement and other local materials, said

on noticing the bodies of their victims, the hoodlums quickly hijacked a parked motorcycle and escaped.

The Abia State police command said it was yet to be briefed on the incident.

## Bandits kill 1, injure scores, kidnap 18 in Niger State

From **John Adams, Minna**

**BANDITS** have killed one person and injured several others in the latest attack in Niger State. This time around, the bandits invaded Kapana Community in Munya Local Government Area of the state, where they also abducted 18 people.

The bandits were said to have stormed the community, Tuesday

night, and in their usual style started shooting sporadically to scare the villagers.

The villagers who were caught unaware scrambled for safety during which one of them was felled by the bullet and several others injured. Those who were unlucky to escape especially women and children were kidnapped by the bandits and taken away.

Already, the village affected and surrounding communities have been deserted as they were said to have relocated to neighbouring villages.

Member representing Munya Constituency in the state House of Assembly, Mr. Andrew Danjuma Jagaba who confirmed the development condemned the invasion. He called on the state and federal governments to beef up security in the area to forestall further invasion. He called on the people to be calm assuring them that government would act swiftly.

He commiserated with family of the deceased, the injured and those who were abducted and that government would intervene.

## 3 sisters abducted during sleep in Kogi

From **Emmanuel Adeyemi, Lokoja**

**GUNMEN**, Tuesday, attacked Etch-Okofi community in Koton-Karfe Local Government Area of Kogi State and abducted three sisters, demanding N100 million as

negotiation is still ongoing," he said.

The chairman of Kogi-Koton Karfe Council, Isah Abdulkarim, confirmed the incident but said he was yet to get details about the kid-

nap incident.

Kogi State Police Public Relations Officer (ASP Williams Ayah, neither answered calls nor replied to a text message sent to his phone over the development.

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