

# Gunmen kill 2 guards, abduct 2 Chinese in Niger

From **John Adams,**  
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**BANDITS** have resumed hostilities in Niger State after the Christmas and New Year break, as they launched an offensive on foreign nationals working at the Zungeru hydroelectricity dam, abducting two Chinese expatriates.

The heavily armed bandits also killed two guards attached to the project site and injured one person.

In the last one week, bandits had suspended hostilities, probably to observe the Yuletide, but resumed attacks immediately after the break.

The last attack before the Yuletide was the abduction of about 69 people from Zagzaga community in Munya LGA who later regained freedom days to Christmas celebration after paying N5 million ransom.

This latest attack occurred on Tuesday at about 4:00pm when the workers were rounding off for the day.

It was gathered that the victims were working on high-tension extension from Zungeru Dam to Gusase community in Shiroro LGA when the gunmen struck.

According to a witness who spoke on the condition of anonymity, "we were shocked with the sudden appearance of the bandits who were armed with sophisticated weapons. We were confused and didn't

know what to do, but took to our heels, before one of them shot a worker while two internal security guard were killed and two Chinese were abducted.

## Vigilante kills Air Force officer in Rivers

From **Tony John,** Port  
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A member of OSPAC vigilance group has allegedly shot dead an Air Force officer in Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Daily Sun gathered that the incident occurred on Tuesday as a carry-over aggression that started on Monday between the victim, Kasike Eugene, and the suspect, who is popularly known as 2Face Emechata.

Chairman of the Community Development Committee (CDC) in Omuanwa community in Ikwerre LGA, where the incident occurred, Mr. Ugo Chinna, confirmed the development to journalists.

According to Chinna, the suspect has been arrested and handed over to police for further investigation.

Chinna, in a telephone interview, said the deceased,

who hailed from the community, allegedly went to the OSPAC office to release a suspected cultist who was in the process of denouncing cultism.

According to him, the leadership of OSPAC refused to release the suspect and walked the victim out of their office.

He explained: "Yes, we lost a hardworking young man, an agent of Federal Government. It's pitiable. But, no matter how it is, it is unfortunate that he is dead already. If not, we would have heard his own side of the story, because we are hearing one side now.

"But, what I did quickly when I got the wind of the development was to call the OSPAC people. This incident is a case of carry-over aggression, because a day before the fateful day, on Monday, there was argument in the OSPAC premises between the Air

Force personnel, Kasike Eugene and the suspect. Someone was arrested who wanted to denounce cultism; and the Soldier came for his release.

The DPP report also cleared the five students of belonging to unlawful society due to insufficient facts to establish the offence.

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Force personnel, Kasike Eugene and the suspect. Someone was arrested who wanted to denounce cultism; and the Soldier came for his release.

"I was told that Kasike entered into the compound and demanded for the immediate release of the arrested person, but OSPAC officials refused to release the suspect. The Air Force personnel became furious about OSPAC refusal to release the suspect.

"So, I got to know that on Tuesday, the victim mobilized two of his friends and traced the boy that pushed him outside the gate to his house. I was told that the OSPAC boy was beaten to a stupor. So, he quickly dashed to where he kept OSPAC gun, and shot the Air force personnel. We have handed over the guard to the police Area Command at Isiokpo.

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