

...Abduct 5 students in Zamfara, kill Ebonyi businessman

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BANDITS have abducted five students of the College of Health Science and Technology, in the Tsafe area of Zamfara state, in the early hours of yesterday.

The bandits were said to have invaded the residence of the students –a private hostel– situated outside the school campus.

Spokesman of the command, Mohammed Shehu, who confirmed the incident, said one of the victims escaped from the abductors.

He added that the bandits were yet to contact the families of those abducted.

Also yesterday, gunmen killed an Abakaliki based businessman, Issac Chukwu, a week to his wedding.

Daily Sun gathered that Mr Chukwu, who dealt on provisions, was killed Mon-

day night in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State, by suspected assassins.

Chukwu, who is popularly known as Ochudo, hailed from Ikwo Local Government Area of the state.

He had concluded arrangements for his wedding to his fiancée, Favour Chio-ma, who was with him when the gunmen struck.

A relative who quoted the wife said that Mr Chukwu was shot at night after closing one of his shops as he made to enter his car.

The pre-wedding pictures of the deceased with his fiancée has gone viral on social media following his death.

Also, the wedding invitation seen by Daily Sun shows that the traditional marriage was to take place on April 21, at his fiancée's father's compound in Amaiyima Ekpelu, in Ikwo local government, while the church wedding

was also slated to be held on April 23.

When contacted, the Police spokesperson in the state, Loveth Odah, said she was not aware of the incident. She promised to get back to Daily Sun after contacting the officer in-charge of the area. She was yet to do so at press time.

26 die as boat capsizes in Sokoto

TWENTY-six people have been confirmed dead following a boat mishap which occurred on Tuesday evening on the Shagari River, in Shagari Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

Chairman of Shagari Council area, Alhaji Aliyu Dantani, who made the disclosure, yesterday, in Sokoto, said a rescue team was still searching for other missing passengers on the

while the hoodlums burnt part of the station when they attacked the police station at about 1.am Wednesday.

"The commissioner led patrol team to the place at 1.30am. The quick intervention of police brought the situation under control because the hoodlums were engaged. The attack will not deter us from carrying out our duties. We have launched manhunt for the perpetrators of the crime," Ikenga stated.

ill-fated boat.

Dantani said of the 26 recovered corpses, 21 were women, while five were children, adding that a search and rescue mission was ongoing.

The council boss, however, said the actual number of passengers in the boat could not be immediately ascertained.

He said local divers were currently in the river to see how to either recover bodies or rescue survivors.