



Bandits kill monarch, abduct 3 in Niger

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BANDITS, in their numbers, on Thursday struck in Mulo community in Mashegu Local Government area of Niger State, killing the village head, Alhaji Usman Garba.

Three other members of the community that were abducted along with the deceased village Head were taken away after the village head was killed few meters from the community.

This is coming after about three months of relative peace in the troubled parts of the state following massive joint

security operations across the state.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Humanitarian Affairs, Emmanuel Umar confirmed the latest attack by the bandits in a press briefing in Minna on Friday.

“There has been great improvement in the security situation in Niger State, at least in the last three months, due to the serious operation by Joint Security Task Force.

“However threats still exist in some communities especially in Mashegu, Mariga and Kontagora areas, but we are not resting. The security agents are on

top of the situation”, he said.

He disclosed that gunmen invaded communities in Mashegu and abducted four people including the village head of Mulo, Alhaji Usman Garba, adding that “unfortunately, the traditional ruler was cruelly murdered by the hoodlums”.

While expressing the sympathy of the state government over the death of the monarch, the Commissioner said Governor Abubakar Sani Bello has directed security agencies to come out in full force to flush out bandits from the state..