

Gunmen kill community volunteer guard, kidnap 2 in Benue

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Gunmen suspected to be armed robbers have reportedly killed a personnel of Benue State Community Volunteer Guard in Ugba, Logo Local Government Area of the state.

Daily Sun gathered that the gunmen also abducted two people at the area during their operation.

A source from the area, who pleaded to remain anonymous, said the incident happened around 3pm yesterday, when the gunmen stormed the community in a commando style and attacked the unsuspecting victims.

The source told newsmen in a telephone chat that, yesterday, the gunmen, who invaded the community around 3pm, launched attacks on a fuel station and some areas in the community.

It was gathered that while the gunmen abducted two people at different areas in the community, they also proceeded to a nearby fuel station, where they robbed their victims of valuables, such as cash and mobile phones, while they also went away with two cars.

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The source said: “An officer of Benue State Volunteer Guards in Ugba was shot, while a school proprietor in the town, a woman, was also kidnapped.

“One of the State Volunteer Guards was shot at a checkpoint they mounted to stop the gunmen from escaping, but the injured personnel has been taken to the General Hospital where he is receiving treatment.”

The Public Relations Officer of the State Community Volunteer Guards, Mr Ahokegh Terkimbi, has confirmed the attack on the Ugba community.

He told newsmen on the phone that one of their personnel lost his life in the attack, adding, “my commander just confirmed that one of our personnel died in the incident.”

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Benue State Command, Catherine Anene, who confirmed the incident, told Daily Sun in a text message that “the DPO confirmed being in pursuit of some armed bandits” at the time of this report.