

## Three dead, 13-year-old girl abducted as bandits invade Kaduna community

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Bandits in their numbers have invaded a community in Kaduna State killing two persons with some members of the community said to have mobilised and killed one of the bandits before others, who adopted a 13-year-old girl, escaped.

The attack took place in Angwan Alkali, Mararaban Rido area, a suburb of Kaduna metropolis in Chikun Local Government Area of the state. The bandits were said to have invaded the community at 1a.m. on Thursday and headed straight for the residence of a prison warder, who resides in the community.

They were also said to have been shooting sporadically to scare away anyone that might want to challenge them. While they were in the process of breaking down the door to the warder's house, a neighbour was said to have shouted, calling for help, but no one dared to come outside.

The bandits were said to have broken into the prison officer's home and killed him before proceeding to the residence of the neighbour, who was shouting and saying, thieves, thieves.

They were said to have dismantled his door and killed him before abducting his 13-year-old daughter. However, some courageous community members were said to have mobilised, and gave chase to the bandits on their way out of the community, killing one of them.

A community leader in Mararaban Rido, who did not want his name in print, said the gunmen were many and were armed with guns. According to him, "The gunmen, who I believe were kidnappers, came at 1:00am (on Thursday) and

they went to the residence of a prison warder, I think they wanted to kidnap him.

“As they were breaking his house to gain entrance, his neighbour raised the alarm, shouting thieves, thieves, but no one could respond because the bandits were many and they were carrying guns.

“There is no how anyone could dare them because; the people don’t have any weapon to confront them. “After killing the prison warder,

they broke into the house of his neighbour, who raised the alarm and killed him before abducting his 13-year-old daughter. “But one of the criminals was killed as they were escaping from the community.

The police came to pick his corpse this morning.” Spokesman for the Kaduna State Police Command, ASP Muhammad Jalige, could not comment on the incident as calls to his number could not connect.

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