

Bandits kill soldier, kidnap housewife, eight children in Kaduna

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Bandits reportedly killed a soldier and kidnapped a housewife, her two children and six other children in Zaria Local Government Area of Kaduna State on Monday.

The hoodlums were said to have stormed Milgoma opposite the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Shika, Zaria, and

abducted people from their homes.

Eyewitnesses said efforts to rescue some of the victims from the bandits led to death of the soldier named Okekechukwu Ebuka.

Soldiers, police and the vigilantes in the area were said to have mobilized to confront the gangsters, leading to the rescue of some children at Kasuwar Da'a along Birnin Gwari road.

A resident of the area said: "On sighting the

security officials the bandits open fire and engaged them in a gun duel, leading to the death of the soldier."

The resident said six kidnapped children were rescued, but added that the bandits went with a housewife and her two children.

Spokesman for the police in the state, ASP Muhammad Jalige, had yet to make any statement on the attack as of the time of filing this report.