

Kidnappers have killed three abducted siblings and a motorcycle rider after collecting N60million ransom from the siblings' father in Taraba State.

The incident, it was learnt occurred at a forest near Garin Dogo in Lau Local Government Area

Kidnappers kill 3 siblings, motorcyclist in Taraba after collecting N60m

of the state on Sunday.

It was gathered that three of the victims were of the same parents and were abducted at Garin

Dogo by the kidnappers, who demanded N100 million ransom.

It was gathered that the father of the three young men, one Alhaji Musa, a cattle dealer, negotiated with the kidnappers.

It was further learnt that the kidnappers agreed on N60m ransom for the release of the three siblings and the motorcycle rider was hired to deliver the ransom to the abductors at a forest near the village.

However, the kidnappers killed the four of them after collecting the ransom. It was learnt that the victims were buried on Monday in the village.

In a related incident,

five suspected kidnappers were gunned down by the army at Maisamari town in Sardauna Local Government Area of the state on Sunday.

The suspects, who were alleged to be behind most

of the kidnappings in the area, met their Waterloo while trying to kidnap a cattle dealer in the area.

The police spokesman in the state, DSP Usman Abdullahi, confirmed the two incidents.



Bandits

Family of 28-year-old graduate allegedly killed by cop petitions IGP

...claims they paid N.2m for mobilisation to police, N30,000 to witness autopsy

Francis Ogbuagu,
BENIN

The family of 28-year-old Godsent Obhafuoso yesterday called on the Inspector General of Police, Alikali

Baba to prevail on the assistant Inspector-General of Police (AIG) Zone 5 to investigate the alleged murder of their son by a policeman, Inspector S. O. Ayemere on August 13, 2022.

Inspector Ayemere was said to have escorted a prominent man, Sunday Obhanogho to Uromi, Esan North East Local Government Area for a burial ceremony and fired shots in the cause of the ceremony where bullets from the gun hit Obhafuoso and killed him.

In a petition to the IGP, the family through their lawyer, Olayiwola Afolabi Esq. alleged that the Zone is foot dragging in the investigation of the matter.

The family said, "On the 13th day of August, 2022, Godsent Obhafuoso accompanied his master, identified as Mr Augustine Iyoha to Uromi for the burial of his mother-in-law and in the process one Mr Sunday Obhanogho arrived with a policeman from the Area Command in Uromi, Inspt. S. O. Ayemere and that while he was doing video recording of the party and also assisting his master to collect money being sprayed on him, the policeman released gunshots that hit a cameraman and also hit the ribs of Godsent, who was pronounced Brought In Dead (BID) at the Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital.

"We want justice for my late brother. I forwarded a petition to AIG Zone 5 on the 17th of August, 2022 and till now, nothing has been done on the matter.

"They charged me a mobilisation fee of N200,000; the IPO in charge of the case at the Anti-Vice which I paid, they promised to go and carry out the arrest, but till date, they have not done anything.

"The body of my late brother was buried two weeks after, two days after an autopsy was conducted. My brother was killed one month after his graduation from Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma where he studied Business Administration."

He claimed that he also paid N30,000 before the police agreed to witness the autopsy.

Kaduna: Police nab notorious gun runner, recover 4 AK-47 rifles, ammunition

Baba Negedu,
KADUNA

The Kaduna State Police Command on Sunday disclosed that they have arrested a gun runner in the Zaria area of the state and recovered four AK-47 rifles and ammunition.

DSP Muhammed Jalige, spokesman of the command, in a statement said the arrest was made as part of the renewed vigor and commitment of officers and men of the command in ensuring total compliance with the directive for domination of

public space during the festive period and beyond.

Jalige disclosed that, "On December 23, 2022 at about 1730hrs, operatives attached to Tudun Wada Zaria while on surveillance patrol at Kwarkwaron Manu, Basawa area of Zaria metropolitan intercepted two men on an unregistered motorcycle with bags concealed in a suspicious manner on the motorcycle. On being flagged down for search, the motorcycle passenger jumped down and fled, thereby heightening the suspicion of the eagle eyed operatives."

He said the motorcycle rider

who gave his identity as Bilyaminu Saidu 'm' aged 33 years of Shuwaki village, Bakori LGA of Katsina State was immediately subjected to a thorough search which led to the recovery of the following items: "Four (4) AK47 rifles, Three hundred and forty four (344) rounds of 7.62mm live ammunition, Ten (10) Telephone handsets and (4) Charms.

"The arrested suspect has accordingly been taken into custody and preliminary investigation has revealed he and his fleeing accomplice were on a nefarious mission to supply his gang with the offensive weapons.

"The Commissioner of Police, Kaduna State Command, CP Ye-

kini Ayoku has ordered for a thorough and comprehensive investigation to unearth the source and destination of the illicit arms and the arrest of the suspect's criminal cohorts.

"The CP further assured members of the public that the command will be unwavering in its commitment to ensuring public safety and security in line with the operational guidelines handed down by the Inspector General of Police, IGP Usman Alkali Baba."

The Commissioner of Police further enlisted the support and cooperation of all and sundry to the police and other security agencies, saying security provision remains a shared responsibility.

Betway donates relief materials to NEMA for Bayelsa flood victims

Nigeria's premium online and gaming brand, Betway, has donated food items worth millions of naira to victims of the recent flood that ravaged communities in Bayelsa State.

The presentation of the food items was done at the Bayelsa office of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), by Otunba Kunle Olamuyiwa, the Chief Operating Officer of Betway Nigeria, who led the Betway team. He also commiserated with the flood victims, many of whom were left homeless.

The flood also destroyed the residents' only means of livelihood, inevitably leading to increased hunger amongst affected communities. This he said is the reason Betway as a responsible company is supporting NEMA in its disaster relief provisions for affected communities in Bayelsa.

Otunba Olamuyiwa stated that the donation forms part of the

company's duty and belief to do it's best to leave positive imprints in the countries that Betway operates in, in addition to its offering of unique betting products and encouraging responsible gaming amongst players.

Receiving the relief materials, Hon. Igrubia Walaman Sam, Chairman, Bayelsa State Emergency Management Agency, applauded Betway's generosity, he expressed joy over the company's support of BSEMA and NEMA in providing succor to flood victims in the state.

The donation, which he described as being timely due to the period which almost coincides with the yuletide, will surely bring smiles to the faces of recipients. He called on other corporate organisations and well-meaning individuals to join NEMA in providing the much-needed support to communities affected by flood and other natural disasters in the country.

Speaking at the event, Godwin Tepikior who is the South South Zonal Coordinator of NEMA applauded Betway's show of love by donating food and daily need materials in support of government's efforts to cushion the effects of the unfortunate flooding of communities in the state. According to him, more companies should take corporate social responsibility even more seriously by providing support to communities outside where they do business.

Osun PDP acting chair, Akindele, gifts food, cash at Christmas to Okitipupa LG residents

The Caretaker Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Osun State, Dr. Adekunle Akindele, has over the weekend charged Nigerians to keep faith and stay strong as respite is coming in 2023 with the imminent election of Alhaji Atiku Abubakar as president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Speaking while sharing foodstuffs and cash gifts to party faithful in all the wards of Okitipupa Local Government, Akindele decried the state of the economy, security architecture and what he described as the obvious division of the country along ethno-religious sentiments.

"Nigerians cannot continue to vote for the APC that has almost destroyed the very foundation on which the country was laid. It will be rewarding failure and I know my people will not disappoint me. We know things are extremely hard for our people and that's why we

have decided to share this our widow's mite as our little way of helping to cushion the effects of bad governance foisted on our people," he said.

While suing for peace and unity amongst party faithful, he said, "There is need for our party leaders and faithful to close ranks and ensure a united front so that we can deliver all our candidates from house of Assembly to Reps, to Senate and ultimately the presidency. We should be reminded that we are firstly one indivisible family under a unique umbrella. Nigerians are looking up to us for solution, we cannot afford to disappoint them," he added.

Akindele, an indigene of Ilutitun Osooro in Okitipupa Local Government of Ondo State led the PDP in Osun State to oust the then incumbent APC government. His caretaker committee was inaugurated by the national arm of the PDP when the Osun State chapter was engulfed in crisis.



Otunba Kunle Olamuyiwa, middle, Godwin Tepikior and others