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# Terrorists kill 5 abductees in Niger

**K**idnappers have killed five of the persons abducted from Paikoro and Munya local government areas of Niger State.

The victims were among the 60 residents abducted in the Adunu community in the Kafin-Koro area of Paikoro Local Government Area and Beni community in Munya Local Government Area of Niger State last two weeks.

The terrorists invaded Adunu and Beni communities two weeks ago and raided the two communities, killing a medical practitio-ner and abducting over 60 persons, including women and children.

It was learnt that the victims were killed following the inability of their families to secure the N100 million ransom demanded by the terrorists.

A retired police officer, Moses Tanko, and another man were among those killed by the terrorists while three others were among those abducted from Beni community in Munya Local Government Area.

A source close to the District Head of Adunu, Mallam Kabiru Bawa, disclosed that three women who were abducted were released by the terrorists to inform the community what have hap-pened to those who they killed.

The women said that they were told to tell the community that more abductees would be killed if the demand for the N100 million is not met.

Efforts to get the Niger State Police Command and Commissioner for Internal Security, Emmanuel Umar to comment regarding the latest development were abortive as none of their numbers were going through.

## Alleged N71m Fraud: Judge remands BDC operators

**Francis Iwuchukwu**

**J**ustice Abimbola Awogboro of a Federal High Court, Ikoyi, Lagos, yesterday, remanded in the custody of the 2022, conspired among themselves and fraudulently obtained the sum of N71 million from one Suleiman Jibbo, under the pretence of converting the same to foreign currency.

Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

As a result of the defendants' not guilty plea, Ayodele asked for a trial date and prayed the court to remand them until the determina-