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One Killed as Gunmen Abduct NSCDC Officer, His Family Members in Abuja

FCT police launch operation against kidnappers

Kingsley Nwezeh and Olawale Ajimotokan in Abuja

A local security guard was killed, while three members of a family of an operative of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) were kidnapped in Dafara Village, Abuja by a group of gunmen dressed in military uniform.

This is coming as the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command yesterday said it had launched a joint counter operation against kidnapping in the nation's capital and surrounding environment.

THISDAY gathered that the abduction was carried out on Wednesday night in the village that is incidentally about a kilometre from Pegi community, also in Kuje area council, where nine persons were kidnapped during a dusk raid on Monday night.

A resident of Dafara community, Shedrack Musa, confirmed the abduction.

He said a member of the local

security outfit, named, Williams was killed during the attack, when some vigilante members attempted to foil the abduction plot.

The abducted man, an Assistant Commander in NSCDC, is named Nicholas.

Musa said that the gunmen gained access to the NSCDC officer's apartment by opening fire on the door.

He was later abducted alongside his wife and one of his children.

The Chairman of Pegi Community Development Association (PECDA), Taiwo Aderibigbe, described the latest incident as unfortunate.

"Abuja is under siege, that is just the truth of matter as some people are playing politics with our lives, which is uncalled for, "Aderibigbe lamented.

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