

5 killed in fresh Kaduna, Zamfara attacks

●As gunmen abduct missionary in Taraba

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A MISSIONARY with Peculiar Treasure Mission, Jeremiah Tweinta, was reportedly kidnapped in the early hours of yesterday in Jalingo, Taraba State capital, coming on the heels of reported killings of three persons, Monday, in a fresh attack on Gerti village in Jama'a Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

It was gathered from a family source that the gunmen stormed the missionary's residence in Gongomaliki area, Jalingo around 1:51am when most residents were asleep.

The source, who noted there were sporadic gunshots before he was eventually whisked away, further stated that no family member has been contacted by his abductors.

In his words: "He was sleeping in his hut when the hoodlums picked him up and took him to an unknown destination."

However, this will be the second of such abductions in Jalingo, Taraba State capital within the space of three days, after that of a Permanent Secretary in the state's Ministry of Water Resources, Suzzy Nathan, last Sunday.

At press time, spokesman of the state Police command, DSP David Misal, said the command was yet to get report of the kidnap of a cleric.

3 killed in Kaduna

Meanwhile, three persons were reported killed on Monday in a fresh attack on Gerti village in Jama'a Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The incident occurred at about 8:00am when the victims, a man and his sons were working on the farm.

A councillor representing Kaninkon Ward, Christopher Yakubu Philip, who confirmed the killings to journalists in a telephone interview, said armed men opened fire on them and killed three of them on the spot.

He said one person, however, escaped to the village to alert the community about the attack.

He said the community, led by soldiers, went to the farm to recover the corpses of the victims.

Philip said upon hearing news of the incident, other people who were in their farms were asked to return home to avoid the bandits since nobody knew the direction they were going.

Shooting rocks Maiduguri

Many residents of Maiduguri, the capital of Borno State, yesterday evening, scampered for safety as sporadic gun shots and explosions rocked Molai general area of the state capital.

It was gathered that many residents of Lawanti Kura, NNPC Depot and Molai axis fled into the main town for safety.

Sources said the attack was launched by suspected members of Boko Haram, who invaded the village with heavy weapons as they reportedly targeted military formations, including residential

houses.

Gummen cart away money from gaming house in Aba

Undisclosed amount of money was carted away by unknown gunmen that invaded a gaming house in Aba, Abia State

It was gathered that the robbers, numbering about four, stormed the gaming house located few metres from a military unit along Asa Road by St Michael's Road, yesterday evening, on tricycle.

The eyewitness said the gunmen shot sporadically into the air as passers-by fled to safety, but a worker in the gaming house was not lucky as he was shot in the leg as he tried to stop one of them from making his escape after the robbery.

It was also gathered that the robbers later raided most of the phone shops at St. Michael's Road and made away with phones using polythene bags.

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer, Abia State Command, SP Geoffrey Ogbonna, who confirmed the incident, said no life was lost as injured persons are receiving medical attention.

2 killed in Zamfara

But the Police in Zamfara State could not confirm the killings of two people by gunmen, yesterday.

It was gathered that two persons were killed and many injured by the suspected gunmen at Unguwar Mata village of Mada town in Gusau Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

It was gathered that about six communities were attacked within a space of one week and about 100 people were killed.