

apprehended by operatives of Bala, was still ongoing, at the they will be charged to court."

Gunmen kill one, kidnap 3 in Niger community

ARMED persons, yesterday, attacked Kuserki community in Rafi Local Government Area of Niger State, killing one person.

A resident of the community, Garba Ahmed, said the attackers ransacked several houses, manhandled many and kidnapped three persons, around 1a.m. during a downpour.

He identified the deceased as Abubakar Kaura, adding that the victim was shot dead after he told the kidnappers he is a farmer and had no money to give them.

The kidnappers went round and ransacked people's houses demanding for money including

the home of his cousin, Jafaru Jibrin, he said.

"They went away with him wearing only shorts and a shirt," he said.

Apart from Mr Jibrin, two persons, Abdurashid Muhammad and Safina Kaura, were also kidnapped.

"The kidnappers have contacted a relative demanding for N20 million ransom," Mr Ahmad said.

He said the attack came to many as a surprise, because it is the first of its kind in the community. He also accused security agencies of responding late to the attack.

He added: "The attack lasted for about an hour. We called the Police and soldiers that are stationed here on phone, but none of them came to our rescue in the community.

"The security agents came in the morning after we concluded the funeral prayer of the late Mr Kaura killed by the bandits."

The civil servant called on the government to be more proactive to prevent further attacks, adding "we're calling the attention of the authorities concerned to take proactive measures to forestall further attacks, as the bandits are strongly believed to be retiring from Zamfara State."

Gana's gun supplier, armourer 17 others nabbed