

One killed, police officer, 2 others injured as bandits attack Katsina

- One dead, police smash robbery gang in Enugu
- ...as lecturers escape from kidnappers' den

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ONE person was reportedly killed after bandits, in their numbers, attacked the residence of one Sa'adu Dan-Bagalo of Kofar Kudu community in Kaita council of Katsina State.

A police officer and two others also reportedly sustained various degrees of injuries in the attack, yesterday.

Also yesterday, Police in Enugu State, in an early morning operation, killed one and arrested three members of a robbery gang, along Ozalla-Udi Road, between Nkanu-West and Udi Local Government areas of the state.

The bandits that attacked the residence of Sa'adu Dan-Bagalo in Katsina State were armed with AK-47 rifles, shooting sporadically and finally abducting the victim.

In a statement, spokesman to Katsina state police command, SP Gambo Isah, said a patrol team attached to Kaita Division responded to calls and gave the hoodlums a chase.

He further stated that "as the chase got hotter and the hoodlums could no longer sustain the tempo, they killed the victim and escaped."

Gambo said an investigation is ongoing, noting that detectives led by DC CID, Katsina State, are currently combing the scene and surrounding bushes to unravel the full identity of the perpetrators.

In Enugu

Also yesterday, police in Enugu State smashed a suspected robbery gang that operated along Ozalla-Udi Road, between Nkanu-West and Udi councils.

In the early morning operation, men of the police's Operation Puff Adder killed one and arrested three members of the gang.

The state police spokesman, Ebere Amarizu, yesterday, disclosed that Udi Division of the state command smashed the gang.

His words: "The suspected hoodlums had allegedly blocked the road with woods and other items and were already in their nefarious activities when the operatives ran into the roadblock mounted by hoodlums.

"The hoodlums engaged the operatives in a gun battle, but were overpowered by the operatives, who later got one of them critically wounded and later confirmed dead.

"After the encounter, the operatives started combing the bush and later arrested three of the suspected hoodlums, who gave their names as Nweke Monday of 10, New Jerusalem Bunker Enugu; Destiny Onwe of Asia Road, Enugu, and Nweke Sunday of Ugwuakpu Bunkor,

Enugu."

He added that the state Commissioner of Police, Ahmad Abdurrahman, has directed for a full-scale investigation into the incident.

Lecturers escape greedy kidnappers in Kaduna

Meanwhile, two lecturers, one from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and the other from Kaduna Polytechnic, yesterday, escaped from their abductors, after spending six days in the abductors' den.

The lecturers, Dr. Adamu Chonoko and Umar Chonoko, who are blood brothers, hail from Kebbi State and were kidnapped in Mahuta Igabi Local Government Area of the state.

Adamu was the first to be kidnapped by the gunmen, while Umar, who acted as the ransom bearer, was also kidnapped when he went to deliver the N2 million and a new motorbike demanded by the abductors.

The abductors later demanded an additional N5 million before they could be set free.

However, the duo escaped from their abductors yesterday.

The spokesman of the Kebbi Indigenes Association in Kaduna State, Garba Muhammad, who confirmed the news, also revealed that an additional N3 million was paid to the kidnappers, who again increased the ransom demand to N10 million.

He said the duo escaped with the assistance of security agencies, but did not explain how security agencies helped the lecturers escape.

His words: "The two siblings, indigenes of Kebbi State, have escaped from their kidnappers and arrived at the palace of Wakilin Sarkin Zurun Kaduna. They were received by the Wakili around 11:51a.m. today (yesterday).

"We thank the media, security agencies and all those who helped us in praying for their freedom."

Lion found in Indian man's home

A two-year-old lion has been discovered in a residential building in the Victoria Island, Lagos State.

The lion, said to be owned by a yet to be named Indian national, is caged at 229, Muri Okunola Street in Victoria Island.

Chairman of Lagos State Task Force on Environmental and Special Offences, Yinka Egbeyemi, confirmed this to Channels Television yesterday.

According to him, policemen have been deployed in the area.

Egbeyemi also disclosed that efforts were ongoing by the state government through the Ministry



The lion in its enclosure.

of Agriculture and Environment to evacuate the animal from the building.

He added that the Indian national, who owns the lion, has been invited for questioning.

FUTA suspends 6 students over attack on colleague

By Dayo Johnson

AKURE—SIX students of Federal University of Technology, Akure, FUTA, Ondo State, have been suspended indefinitely for bullying, attacking and stripping a female student naked.

The students—a male and five female—are are Popoola Agboola, IDD/300L; Oluwadare Tobiloba FST/200L; Nandi Jessica, IPE/200L; Ajuwon Emmanuella, FAT/100L; Emmanuel Taiwo, FAT/100L; Alao Cecilia, CSP/100L.

The students flogged a female colleague, leaving her half naked, for allegedly calling them names, while one of them recorded the act on her mobile phone.

A statement by FUTA's Deputy Director, Corporate

Communications, Adegbenro Adebajo, said: "Following the ugly incidence of bullying of a female student by some students and as a result of preliminary investigation, the six students have been placed on indefinite suspension with effect from November 17.

"They are precluded from all academic and related activities indefinitely and barred from the university and its precincts forthwith.

"At the conclusion of the ongoing investigations, the full weight of the law of the university, as contained in the handbooks and oath of matriculation will be visited on those found culpable.

Adebajo said the university would not tolerate any form of indiscipline or breach of university regulations.