

Bandits kill policeman in Kaduna, kidnap 3 KASU students

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THERE was confusion in the main campus of Kaduna State University, KASU, Wednesday night after some off-campus students rushed to the university, crying over the kidnap of three students at the Karji area private hostel.

The students claimed the gunmen killed a Police Inspector before abducting their colleagues.

Though the authorities were yet to release a statement on the development, a resident of the area, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told journalists that "around 11 pm, on Wednesday, we received a distress call that gunmen came to our community and the message was passed across to us that we should put off our generators, which we did. Shortly after, we started hearing gunshots."

A relation of the police officer that was killed said: "Inspector John Bello came back and his wife served him food. Immediately, he received a phone call he told the wife that he was coming back to eat the food. He took his motorcycle only to be shot dead close to his house by gunmen, who were hiding under some mango trees not far from his house.

"The gunmen then moved to a compound housing some students of KASU and abducted three students: two females and one male."

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Meanwhile, parents and relations of the 39 abducted students of the Federal College of Forestry Mechanization in Kaduna, yesterday, trooped to the Mando area protesting government's failure

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PROTEST: Families of the kidnapped students of Federal College of Forestry Mechanisation, Afaka, Kaduna staging a protest for release of their children in Kaduna, yesterday. Photo: Olu Ajayi.

to rescue the 39 students abducted about seven days ago.

Accompanied by other students of the college, who displayed placards with several inscriptions, they expressed concerns that since the kidnap a week ago, nothing was

heard from the state government and the school authority about the effort being made to rescue the students.

A parent, Mr. Sunday Musa, said: "We don't know the condition of our children or what they are eating in

the bush. So, we are staging this protest for government to help rescue them."

They also appealed to the government to provide adequate security in schools to prevent future occurrence.

Police arrest 17 kidnap, robbery suspects in S

THE Sokoto State Police Command, yesterday, said it arrested no fewer than 17 suspects over armed robbery, kidnapping and other criminal activities in the state.

Mr Kamaldeen Okunlola, the state Commissioner of Police, disclosed this to

newsmen in Sokoto.

Okunlola said the command on March 4, arrested one Jabbi Wanto, over criminal conspiracy and kidnapping of two persons in Tamba Garka village of Wurno Local Government Area of the state.

He said: "The people of the

village reported that on March 4, at about 3 a.m unknown bandits in large number invaded their houses and kidnapped two persons to unknown destination.

"The villagers mobilised themselves and followed the bandits where the victims were rescued and Wanto was