

One killed, two abducted as gunmen attack varsity community in Niger

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4 MINNA—STUDENTS of Federal University of Technology, FUT, Minna, Niger State at the permanent site, Gidan Kwano were stunned Wednesday night as suspected bandits raided some shops opposite the campus main gate and kidnapped two people from the area.

Shots of guns rented the air as the bandits started shooting sporadically to register their arrival and to scare the people mostly students in the area.

An eye witness told our Correspondent that the bandits, whose number could not be ascertained stormed the area on motorcycles and went straight to some shops opposite the campus, raided them, abducted two people from different shops and escaped with their loot.

It was not immediately known whether those abducted were students but a source said they were sales boys of the shops raided.

"Nobody expected the raid in our area. We, however, thank God

that there was no bloodshed and we are also thankful to God that they did not enter the main campus or storm the residences of the students off campus.

"However, the shooting caused panic as students and other visitors in the area started running for safety but from all indications, no student was abducted," the eye witness remarked.

The quick intervention of the

Police and other security operatives, however, saved the situation as two of the bandits were said to have been gunned down while others escaped with their abductees and their loot.

State Commissioner of Police, Mr Monday Kuyars, confirmed the incident to journalists when contacted on phone.

He said: "It is true that armed men raided some shops opposite FUT Gidan Kwano and two people were abducted.

3 die in Kwara auto crash

5 By Demola Akinyemi

ILORIN—THREE persons were, yesterday, reported killed in a multiple auto crash on the Ilorin-Jebba expressway near Shao junction in the Moro Local Government Area of Kwara State.

Vanguard reliably gathered that the fatal accident, which happened at about 6:10 pm involved two vehicles and was caused by overspeeding.

According to the state sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Jonathan

Owoade, who confirmed the incident, seven people, including five males and two females were involved in the crash.

He also said that one male and two females died in the crash, adding that four persons sustained varying degrees of injuries.

Owoade said one of the vehicles involved in the accident was a white-coloured commercial Iveco trailer with number plate T-0341KT, adding that the driver had no valid driver's licence.