



Bandits kill one, abduct village head's wife, others in Niger communities

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MINNA—ONE person is feared killed and many others, including a councillor's son and a village head's wife kidnapped as bandits attacked three villages of New Kachiwe, Zagzaga and old Manila in Munyan Local Government Area of Niger State, for a second time in the last two days.

It would be recalled that bandits had on Monday raided the three villages, abducting unspecified number of people.

Yesterday, the bandits unleashed mayhem on the three villages, injuring several people. One person was killed, while whereabouts remained unknown.

The bandits were said to have arrived the villages around 1a.m., and shot sporadically to scare people in the area.

Vanguard gathered that wife of the village head of the community and son of the councillor representing Zagzaga Ward were among those kidnapped.

Similarly, two of the local vigilante and some youths that stormed the affected areas on a rescue mission were seriously injured.

Secretary of the local government area, Mr James Jagaba, confirmed the incident, saying: "Gunmen invaded the LGA and one person was confirmed killed, some wounded and unspecified number of people have been declared missing and they must have been apparently kidnapped by the gunmen."

On his part, Secretary to the State Government, Alhaji Ibrahim Matane, while also confirming the attack, said he was yet to get details of the incident.