



Gunmen kill 5 in Enugu, Ondo, Jigawa

●2 policemen felled in Jigawa, 2 persons killed in Ondo ●Herdsman kill one, injure 2 in Enugu

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TWO policemen and three others were killed weekend in Jigawa, Ondo and Enugu states by suspected gunmen while others sustained injuries. Yesterday, the Jigawa State Police Command disclosed that unknown gunmen killed two policemen and abducted one person in Taura Local Government Area.

The Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Shiusu, who confirmed the incident, said the incident occurred after the gunmen invaded the residence of one Alhaji Ma'aru Abubakar at Kawalam town and abducted him.

"On 23/01/2022, at about 0130hrs, a distress call was received that unknown gunmen invaded Kawalam town in Taura LGA.

"Upon receipt of the report, we mobilised a team of policemen and headed to the scene. On arrival, we engaged them in a gun duel and they fled.

"ASP Anas Usaini and Sunusi Alhassan were shot dead close to an improvised patrol vehicle which was set ablaze by the gunmen.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the hoodlums invaded the residence of Alhaji Ma'aru Abubakar, 60, of Kawalam town and abducted him," Shiusu said.

He explained efforts were being intensified to free the victim, as well as arrest the fleeing suspects.

Also yesterday, the Ondo State police command confirmed the attack of a Petrol Station in Okeluse community in Ose council area of the state where two persons were killed Sunday.

The Police image maker, Funmi Odunlami, described the attack as a botched kidnap attempt.

Odunlami said that five men on motorbikes attacked and killed the petrol dealer.

"The information at our disposal indicated that five men on motorbikes stormed the petrol station and shot the victim.

"It was the only petrol dealer that died on the spot, the attendant was rushed to hospital and responding to treatment.

"The attack was a failed kidnap attempt.

But, Vanguard gathered that two persons, the petrol dealer, Aborawa Oladimeji also known as Popular and his petrol attendant, were killed Sunday at about 830 pm.

Sources said that the killers stormed the filling station and shot the dealer at close range.

Vanguard was informed that "the sales boy was also shot by the herdsmen, he was rushed to the hospital but gave up the ghost early this morning (Monday).

"For the CEO of the filling station, he was shot and he died on the spot. He was about to leave the filling station with his sales boy when the gunmen arrived. The killers fled the scene after shooting

the victims without carting away any of their belongings.

Vanguard learned that motorists and other petrol attendants took to their heels following the shooting.

The corpses were reportedly discovered after about an hour when the shooting stopped and those that fled returned to the filling station.

Vanguard gathered that their corpses were later deposited at the general hospital in the community.

In Enugu State, at least one life was

reportedly lost, Saturday, while two others are in critical condition after suspected herdsmen attacked Abor Community in Eha-Amufu, Isi-Uzo Local Government Area.

Vanguard gathered that after the attack on Mgbuji farm settlements, also in the council area which resulted in the death of at least three farmers about two weeks ago, the herdsmen relocated to another farm settlement in Abor, where the latest attack took place.

A member of the community, who

spoke in condition of anonymity, said the three farmers were attacked with machetes, resulting in the death of one of the victims.

"Three farmers were attacked on their farm settlement on Saturday at Abor. One is already dead while two others are critically injured with severe machete cuts. They are receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital now.

"This is not the first time our community is being attacked by herdsmen this New Year," he said.

Hanifa's murder: Kano govt withdraws licences of all private schools

●As angry youths set late Hanifa's school ablaze ●Killer teacher not our member — NAPPS

By Adesina Wahab & Bashir Bello

The proprietor of Noble Kids Academy, Abdulmalik Tanko, the school where the five-year-old Hanifa Abubakar, was killed, was arraigned before a magistrate court in Kano, yesterday.

Abdullahi Haruna Kiyawa, spokesman of the Kano police command, who disclosed this, said the suspect, alongside two others, is being charged with "criminal conspiracy, kidnapping and culpable homicide."

Tanko had confessed to the murder while answering questions on his involvement in the crime.

He revealed that he killed Hanifa with "rat poison" and buried her body in the school premises with the help of a friend.

"I lied to Fatima and Isyaku that the girl's mother was the one behind the plan to kidnap the girl to extort her father," he had said.

"After Hashimu and Fatima failed to kidnap the girl, I decided to carry out the kidnapping myself. I kidnapped her when she was returning from Islamic school and took her to my family house.

"She stayed in my family house for about two weeks before I killed her. I killed her after some teachers in my school came to my house.

"I became suspicious. I thought they came to investigate me because they said the girl had once mentioned my name. It was after that visit that I gave her rat poison. I then contacted my friend and asked for his help to dig a hole where the girl would be buried.

"I demanded the sum of N6 million from the parents. I contacted them through the phone number her parents gave the school."

Meanwhile, angry youths set the Noble Kids Academy ablaze in Kwanar Dakata, Kano State.

It was gathered that the youths mobilized themselves and launched an attack on the building in the wee hours of yesterday.

Recall that the youths had some days ago after the ugly incident attempted to



SLAUGHTER HOUSE: The school where Hanifa was killed.

burn down the school but were prevented by security agents deployed to forestall the breakdown of law and order in the area.

An effort to get the spokesman of the Kano State Police Command, SP Abdullahi Haruna, to react to the development proved abortive as he sent an SMS to our correspondent that he was in a meeting.

As a sequel to the incident leading to the death of Hanifa Abubakar, the Kano State government has revoked the operational licence of all private schools in the state.

The Commissioner of Education, Muhammad Sanusi-Kiru, disclosed this while briefing newsmen in the state, yesterday.

Sanusi-Kiru said "The decision was as a result of the ugly and disturbing incident recorded in the state of recent and all perpetrated by the private school proprietors. We have issue of raping and kidnapping all coming from private schools in Kano.

"We received complaints of a private school proprietor who rape his students and he confessed to the crime.

"Recently, we recorded another disturbing case of this proprietor, Abdulmalik Tanko, who kidnapped, killed and buried his student, late Hanifa Abubakar.

"We have established Zonal offices for private and voluntary schools across Kano State and we have received so many disturbing reports, the emergence of so many mushroom private schools without registration.

"All these put together informed government decision because we can not sit and fold our arms while all these continue. We can not condone these happening in Kano State.

"We will review and revalidate their operational licence. We will shut down schools that fail to scale through the exercise.

"The ministry of education will set criteria for their revalidation. A panel has been set up comprising of the Ministry of Justice, Department of State Service, (DSS), Civil Defense and other security agencies to look into the revalidation of all private schools in Kano State," Sanusi-Kiru stated.

In a related development, the National Association of Proprietors of Private Schools, NAPPS, has said Abdulmalik

Father of two strangles 37-vr-old lover in Ondo