

2-yr-old, 99 others abducted in fresh Niger attack, 2 dead

• Kidnappers demand N70m ransom

By Wole Mosadomi

Terrorists have again attacked two communities, Fungan Bako and Kawo, in Rafi local government area of Niger State where two persons were, reportedly, shot dead and no fewer than 100 people abducted.

Among those abducted were a pregnant woman and her two-year-old baby.

The pregnant woman was, however, released because of her heaviness after trekking several kilometers but her daughter was taken away.

A dependable source in the area said the terrorists, who rode on about 30 motorcycles, invaded the communities on Thursday at about 11:00pm and carried out their operations till early Friday.

The source said each of the motorcycles carried

not less than two heavily armed men.

The two people shot dead, it was gathered, were trying to escape into the bush but gunned down.

The two communities have now been deserted as villagers fled for their lives. The source said, "The

entire Tungan Bako and Kawo communities are now deserted because the villagers have fled the communities.

"About 24 hours after the incident, the terrorists demanded N70million as ransom for the release of the victim.

"They called us to say we should bring N70million as ransom before the people can be released but, for now, we don't even have answer to their demand because we don't know where to start from."

Meanwhile, a Joint Security Task Force has been deployed to the communities and were said to be on the trail of the attackers with a view to rescuing the victims

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How Gov Emmanuel sided with Fayose, Kolawole

— Segun Oni • Says 'compromised' result won't stand

By Rotimi Ojomoyela

The last may not have been heard of last Wednesday's Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) governorship primary election in Ekiti State, as the Segun Oni Campaign Organisation rejected the outcome of the process, citing disenfranchisement and

electoral malfeasance.

The Governor Emmanuel Udom-led primary election committee had declared Hon. Bisi Kolawole, a protege of the immediate past governor of Ekiti State, Mr Ayo Fayose, as the winner of the election.

A statement by the Director General of the Campaign Organisation, Hon. Yemi Arokodare, ex-

er pronounced by the Udom committee.

The organisation alleged that the Akwa Ibom governor allowed aides of Fayose to sit in the hall purposely to intimidate delegates.

Therefore, the organization concluded that the primary was not free and fair.

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