

Terrorists kill 3 kidnapped victims, threaten to kill more unless ransom is paid (4)

By Ibrahim Hassan-Wuyo

TERRORISTS, who kidnapped locals at Anquwan Bulus in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State, have reportedly killed three of the victims and threatened to kill more unless ransom is paid.

The bandits attacked the Anquwan Bulus community killing one local and abducting several others. They also attacked neighbouring communities like Juji, Angwan Gimbiya and Sabo GRA.

The spokesperson for the Kaduna State Police Command, ASP Mohammed Jalige, confirmed the killing, saying: "I received phone calls from some people this morning (Tuesday) that three bodies were found at Dutse village somewhere in the bush."

"The corpses were evacuated to Saint Gerald's Hospital. We are trying to talk to the Area Commander to ensure the safe return of those who are still in captivity."

A source said the bandits called, yesterday, that they have killed three of the people they kidnapped and told us where their bodies were deposited.

The source said: "The terrorists called last evening and said since we refused to pay the ransom, we should go to a location and pick the corpses of our people."

"Before we got there, we learned that Police had already evacuated the bodies and deposited them at Saint Gerald's Catholic Hospital, Kakuri, Kaduna. We were at the hospital last night to confirm that."

"The terrorists threatened that if the community and families fail to pay the ransom by Tuesday evening, they should go to the same spot and carry another set of corpses."

"Right now, we are confused. We don't know what to do. We have sold all we

ever worked for to appease these people but they want more. We are appealing to the federal and state governments to come to our rescue to save the remaining people in captivity."

Meanwhile, eight out of 20 persons abducted in Idon town, Kajuru LGA, have been released after spending about two months in captivity.

According to a source, "they were released, Sunday after ransom was

paid. They said we need to bring additional ransom before they could release the remaining 12 persons.

"We have reported the recurrence of bandit attacks in Kajuru and Kachia to higher authorities but they have not done anything concrete to stop the attacks. As we speak, there are several others in the kidnappers' den apart from these 12 people."

Property destroyed as hoodlums clash in Ebute-Meta, Lagos

By Bose Adelaja

PROPERTY worth millions of naira were reportedly destroyed, Monday, in Ebute-Meta, Lagos, during a clash among some hoodlums around the Oko-Oba area.

The violence was said to have occurred between Ogolo and Oko-Oba Boys, who seized the occasion to loot and rob residents scampering for safety.

Although details of what led to the fight could not be ascertained, eyewitnesses had it that the hoodlums, whose ages were between 17 and 20 years, began the fracas at about 6:00 a.m. looting shops and carting away some property.

The incident, which took off at Oko-Oba, was said to have degenerated into Ibadan and Kano streets where shops and vehicles were vandalised.

A resident said the hoodlums succeeded in vandalising some vehicles whose owners were caught up in the violence.

An eyewitness, Musibau Alani, said hoodlums from Oko-Oba usually cross a link bridge to the other side of the road to unleash mayhem on their opponents unknown to them that their opponents were battle-ready on Monday.

"Okoko-Oba Boys usually cross the

bridge to challenge Ogolo Boys but today (Monday), it was like Ogolo Boys were waiting for them and it was fire for fire.

"They broke into some shops and vandalised two deep freezers, dairy products and other items in the name of violence," Unconfirmed reports said two of the hoodlums were gunned down during the violence.

At press time, there was no official figure of the casualties as the spokesperson, Lagos State Police Command, Benjamin Hundeyin, could not be reached.

Man, 34, in court attempting to strangle

A 34-year-old man, Vincent Chikeluba, yesterday, appeared before an Ojo Magistrates' Court in Lagos, accused of attempting to strangle his mother, Mrs Chinwe Chikeluba.

The defendant, who appeared before Magistrate D. S. Odukoya, pleaded not guilty to the three-count charge of assault, stealing and causing a breach of the peace.

The prosecutor, Dr Simon Uche, told the court that the defendant committed the offences sometime in February.