

three months and... then, I have been battling to feed my

Bandits invade Niger LG, kill one, abduct 10

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MINNA—Bandits have attacked some villages in Lapai Local Government Area of Niger State, killing one person, injuring another and abducted no fewer than 10 persons.

It was gathered that one of the villages attacked was Ebbo, where the office of vigilante was attacked and a vigilante member killed, another seriously injured.

According to sources, the incident took place around 11 pm on Wednesday.

Vanguard gathered that the bandits with sophisticated weapons, were said to have first stormed villages including Angwan Dajin Gomna in Kpada community where they kidnapped five persons and later Zago and Ilafiyen Zago villages where they kidnapped another set of five persons.

It was gathered that the bandits had earlier invaded Ebbo village but were overpowered by the vigilantes after six minutes of gun battle.

Besides the loss of lives and

about three hours.

abduction, the bandits were said to have moved from house to house and looted foodstuffs and other belongings of the villagers.

Public Relations Officer of the state Police Command, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, who confirmed the incident said suspected armed men attacked vigilante office at Ebbo village via Lapai, shooting sporadically.

"One of the vigilantes was, unfortunately, shot dead by the bandits while one other sustained injury. Police tactical team has been drafted to the area and effort is ongoing to apprehend the bandits," the PPRO assured.

Dibi youths protest, demand payment of stipends

FIFTEEN beneficiaries' under the auspices of Concerned Youths of Dibi Field Communities, yesterday, protested at Jee Jay International Limited Office in Warri, over stipends allegedly being owed them for the past three years.

The youths were addressed by the Director and Legal Affairs Manager of the company, Mr. Efe Osharode (Director) and Wesley Bawo Edema, respectively.

They said: "We rented the two WILLCO Swamp Buggies for 3 years now. Aside from that, we have been in direct talks with Chevron in respect of the matter.

"We got reports that the equipment got burnt at their work location. So want Chevron to evacuate the equipment to us to enable us to refurbish and hand them over to the owners but we are yet to hear from Chevron till date.