

BLACK CHRISTMAS: 1 killed, 45 abducted as gunmen invade Kaduna community

....As cow kills Bayelsa ex-youth leader

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KADUNA—GUNMEN have reportedly killed one person and abducted 45 people in Angwan Aku community in Kajuru LGA of Kaduna State.

The attack was said to have occurred on Sunday morning, when residents of the community were preparing to go to church for Christmas service.

The gunmen were said to have stormed the village on motorcycles.

"They came around 10am, yesterday, when people were preparing to go to church," a resident of the community said.

"They were many and they parked their motorcycles on a bush path before they entered the village, shooting sporadically.

"They went from house to house, kidnapping people. They killed one person and went with 53

people, but seven of them escaped and came back. So, 45 people are with them."

The community is said to be far from Mararaban Kajuru, an area where an army base is located.

Mohammed Jalige, the spokesperson of the Kaduna police command, said he was not aware of the incident at the time of filing this report.

He, however, said he would provide more information when he confirms the attack.

Cow kills ex-youth leader in Bayelsa

In another development in Obogoro Community in Yenagoa Local Government Area of Bayelsa State, a cow slated to be slaughtered gored to death a former youth president of the community, Mr Sobokime Igodo.

It was gathered that the deceased and a group of friends had contributed money to buy the cow to be killed and shared for the Yuletide

season, as they do every year.

It was also gathered at the deceased's residence where the sharing was to take place, that the two butchers hired were unable to make the cow stand as they kept attempting to find a way to kill it.

The deceased, who was inside the house, had come out, but was on a call and was not paying attention to the drama between the two butchers and the cow when suddenly the cow charged towards the deceased, kicked him so hard that he landed on his back and broke his spine.

He was said to have been rushed to the Federal Medical Centre (FM), Yenagoa before he was referred to the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital, Rivers State where he was confirmed dead.

A family source said the circumstances surrounding the death of Sobokime were devastating to the family and the Obogoro Community, adding that his death has ruined the air of festivities for the family and the youths of the community.