



Gunmen kill 6, kidnap one in Bauchi, Niger

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BAUCHI Fear has gripped residents of Gambar Sabon Layi community in Talawa Balewa Local Government Area of Bauchi State, following a night attack by gunmen on Saturday.

A resident of the area, Timothy Gavis told our reporter that the yet to be identified gunmen killed five people and kidnapped one person in their trail.

This came as bandits reportedly killed a councillor, Saleh Alawa in Niger State.

Expressing sadness over the Bauchi killings, the resident said one of the casualties was his choir director, who was buried yesterday.

He said: "I went to work somewhere

and came back this morning. When I saw people gathered in clusters everywhere, I knew something had gone wrong. I asked and was told that gunmen came here and killed five people in the night and abducted one other person.

"I learned later that among those killed was my choir director, who would be buried later today (yesterday). I feel really bittered about the whole thing. This is very difficult for me to understand."

It was further gathered that one Mr. Daniel was kidnapped, while the hamlet head of the area and four others were killed during sporadic shooting.

Another resident of the area, said: "Yesterday (Saturday), some people came to our village and killed my uncle with four others while Mr. Daniel was

taken away."

Bandits kill councillor in Niger

The sad incident occurred, yesterday, in Alawa village, Shiroro Local Government Area of the state.

Our correspondent gathered that the councillor was on his way to his village, Alawa, when he and his men ran into the bandits around Zumba road, where he was killed. However, his personal assistant escaped.

Angry youths in the area swung into action by embarking on a search for the bandits in the area and eventually apprehended one of the bandits' informants at Gwada town.

The informant, it was gathered, has

been handed over to the police for investigation and prosecution.

"We will continue to work hand in hand with all security agencies in the area towards exposing and apprehending both informants and criminals alike in the area because we are tired of these incessant killings in the area," one of the youth leaders, who pleaded anonymity said in an interview with our correspondent on phone.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Humanitarian Affairs, Emmanuel Umar, when contacted, confirmed the incident, adding that efforts were ongoing to apprehend the criminals.

He called on the villagers to avail the security agents useful information that could easily lead to the arrest of the criminals.

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