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## 2 soldiers, village head son, others killed in Boko Haram ambush

• *Bandits kill kidnapped district head in Kebbi*

**MAIDUGURI**—TWO soldiers, son of a village head, two commanders of civilians Joint Task Force, JTF members, among others, have been killed when suspected members of Boko Haram terrorists ambushed a military convoy along Dikwa-New Marte, in Marte Local Government Area of Borno State.

The attack is coming barely few days after another suspected terrorists wrecked havoc by killing farmers in Ashigashiya village of Gwoza Local Government Area of the state, which shares border with Mandara Mountains of Cameroon Republic.

This came as Senator Mohammed Ndume decried the renewed Boko Haram attacks and killings, especially local and resilient farmers, who had returned to their liberated communities after they were displaced for over a decade.

Sources told Vanguard that the Marte road ambush by terrorists took place last Monday morning, but information was delayed due to poor telecommunication network.

It was gathered that a Chairman and Overall Commander of CJTF in Marte and New Marte community were among those who died on the spot, while many of those who sustained injuries were later evacuated to an undisclosed hospital in Maiduguri receiving treatment.

A source told Vanguard, "Some Boko Haram terrorists laid ambush and killed two soldiers, two members of Civilian JTF and a Son of a Village Head in Marte, Mai Musenima.

"The deceased were among those deployed to provide security cover over the ongoing road clearance along Dikwa-Marte road.

"Quite a number of other people in the convoy sustained various degrees of injury.

"All the remains of the deceased, except that of the soldiers were buried according to Islamic rite in Marte."

Efforts to get confirmation from the Police Public Relations Officers, Kenneth Daso proved abortive at press time.

Meanwhile, another deadly encounter took place in Ashigashiya village of Gwoza LGA of the state, when some terrorists captured some farmers, who were harvesting their crops, including a middle aged woman and killed them.

Meanwhile, Ndume, who also hails from Gwoza in an interview expressed sadness over the

renewed attacks on resilient farmers in Gwoza and other communities in the state.

He described the renewed killings as 'very unfortunate', and prayed for the repose of the souls of those killed, while engaging in farming to sustain themselves and their families.

The Senator also extended his condolences to the families of those who lost their beloved ones in the renewed Boko Haram

killings.

### Bandits kill kidnapped district head

Meanwhile, in Birnin Kebbi, the recently abducted district head of Kanya village, under Danko/Wasagu Local Government Area of Kebbi State, Alhaji Isah Daya has been killed by his abductors.

Daya was abducted by armed bandits alongside eight others at his village Kanya, according to vigilante members. The eight other abductees were rescued unhurt by combined security forces but unfortunately, the gunmen killed the district head of Kanya.

A local from Kanya village, who didn't want to be mentioned confirmed that the monarch was killed by armed bandits and his

remains have already been deposited at Kanya hospital.

The state government in statement by the Press Secretary to the governor, Alhaji Ahmed Idris, also confirmed the rescue of the eight persons abducted alongside the monarch but was silent on whether the district head was among the rescued.

However, the state Police image maker, Nafiu Abubakar didn't respond to calls placed to his line at press time.



**PROTEST**—Edo Women sympathetic with the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, protesting the outcome of the September 21 governorship election in the state, in Benin City, yesterday.

## Grandma, 4 children, die after consuming pap in Ondo

By Dayo Johnson

**AKURE**—A 68-year-old woman, Mrs. Esther Adeola, and her four grand children, have died mysteriously after they reportedly consumed pap.

Vanguard learnt that the ugly incident occurred at Atayese street, Gaga area in Akure, the state capital.

Reports had it that Adeola, was a retired Admin officer of the Federal Government Girls College, Akure.

A family source told newsmen that "The elderly woman who was their paternal grandmother

died suddenly and the family members took her to the mortuary.

"We were not suspicious of anyone or anything as cause of her death as she was advanced in age. We believed her passing away was natural.

"After her death, my sister and her husband had gone along with their children to the deceased's house in order to tidy up her belongings and they saw some processed dried pap in the kitchen which the younger ones craved to have while their parents declined.

"Their mother who is my sister made the pap and gave to her children and their cousin who came along with them.

"My nephews and niece were

ages seven, five and three while their cousin was 10.

"As the children took the pap, they all began to writhe in pains and the parents who were alarmed at the sudden and strange development rushed the children to the state Specialist Hospital, Akure.

"It was at this juncture that we began to suspect that probably the pap must have been poisoned or contaminated and

could be the cause of their grandmother's death.

"The four children spent three days in the hospital before they died. They would have made it if they were promptly attended to by the medical personnel."

The source said that the children have been buried.

She said that the family did not report the case to the police because they did not suspect anyone.

## LASG inaugurates trauma centre, 1.6km road in Ikorodu

By Oyinua Okubonabo

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would be completed and ready for use.

Hamzat urged the people to elect representatives with credible characters in order to