

# S-Kaduna: Bandits kill 13 locals, kidnap 200 in 4 months

• *Survivors say Military base'll halt incessant killings, kidnap*

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**T**HE Ruruma Community in Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State has appealed to the Federal Government to establish a military presence in Kwassam, to halt the incessant killings and abductions of their people by bandits.

The community alleged that "about a billion has so far been paid as ransom from the vulnerable communities where 13 people were gruesomely killed, and over 200 taken captive in the space of four months."

Recall that it was in the Kaduna community where a senior bank official was abducted and a huge ransom was paid to secure his release, allegedly.

Ruruma community in a statement signed by its National President, Mr Daniel Dallah Peace, and made available to newsmen in Kaduna, stated that the need for military formation in the area was to ensure prompt action to help restore security and protect lives and properties.

"One of our own, a bank Director, was once abducted in the area, and millions paid as ransom for his release," they alleged.

Dala explained that a military formation in Kwassam would help restore normalcy in surrounding vulnerable communities that have been displaced over the years; adding that about a billion has so far been paid as ransom by these vulnerable communities where 13 people were gruesomely killed, and over 200 taken captive in the space of four months.

"The Military formation in Kwassam will enable the communities that have been displaced to return to their ancestral land where they have their farms and farm produce.

Currently, our traditional leader, Chief, Alh. Dauda Abdulsalam, the Pugom Kumana, has not been at home for some years because of the attempt made on his life by the bandits," Dallah added.

The community alleged that "why should they completely exempt Kwassam and surrounding vulnerable communities in Kumana Chiefdom in the security reports

## Empowerment: 25 women to be Foundation

**A** Lagos based non-governmental organisation, Mercy Ogbuehi Widows and Orphans Foundation, has said it would be empowering 25 women, as part of their skill acquisition programme.

The foundation at the forthcoming graduation ceremony will mark the success of one of its just concluded training sessions within the year 2024.

Interacting with journalists in Lagos, the Founder/President, Nnenna Uchegbu, said the privileged ones in the society must contribute to the support of people in need with livelihood skills.

She noted that the organisation would continue to close up gaps as much as possible to widows, orphans and the less privileged ones in the society.

According to her, "That is why at this graduation ceremony the foundation will be providing several equipment to our trainees. Fashion department total number of 12 (8 widows to be empowered with hand sewing machine). While 13 trainees were trained on computer literacy skills. So a total number of 25 people will be graduating."

She also noted that in the past they have empowered a total of 267 widows in their respective field of training, through yearly

presented to the military authorities?

"Also, communities like Fagen rawa, Kaibi, Kusheka, Fadan Ruruma, Rafin rimi, Kitimi, Kakude, and Kiwollo have all been affected by the kidnappings and killings while many residents of these communities have to relocate to neighbouring communities for fear of being kidnapped or killed."

"Siting military formation in Kwassam community, the headquarters of Ruruma would be strategic for operations to help halt incessant killings and abduction of locals, who are 99.9% farmers."

empowerment programmes for widows and orphans in various skill acquisition.

According to her, "What we are doing is because there is a gap. If you look at other developed countries, they have social welfare

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