

# Bandits kill PDP leader, son, one other in Kwara

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the residence of Kpotun on that fateful Tuesday night under the cover of darkness.

Sources close to the village told journalists, yesterday, that the bandits were said to have attempted to kidnap Kpotun before it eventually led to the killing of the PDP leader and his son.

Sources added that the gunmen didn't limit their assault to Kpotun's household, suggesting a broader reign of terror in the village.

"It was not only his family the bandits attacked last night, they

attacked another family and killed someone there too," a source said.

Contacted, yesterday, the state police command confirmed the incident.

A statement in Ilorin by the Police Public Relations Officer, Adetoun Ejire-Adeyemi, said: "At 0130hrs, armed men stormed and attacked Mari and Lile villages via Lade, killing three persons: one Timothy Paul (male, 35 years) in Mari village, and Abdullahi Kpotun (male, 51 years) alongside his son, Abdullahi Muhammad (male, 22 years) in Lile village. The bodies were certified dead by a medical doctor at a hospital.

"Investigations have begun to apprehend the actors behind this

dastardly act; prosecution follows afterwards."

Meanwhile, former Senate President, Dr. Bukola Saraki and leader of PDP in the state has expressed deep sorrow and outrage over the brutal killings.

In a statement by his Press Officer on Local Matters, Abdulganiyu Abdulqadir, Saraki condemned the attack, describing it as "barbaric, painful and unacceptable.

"This is a devastating loss. I am heartbroken by the news of the killing of Kpotun and his son. My thoughts and prayers are with their immediate family and the Patigi community in this difficult time."

**ILORIN**—Suspected bandits have reportedly killed leader of Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, Abdullahi Kpotun and his son in Lile village, Patigi Local Government Area of Kwara State.

*Vanguard* gathered that the incident happened in a botched abduction on Tuesday night in the village.

It was gathered that the suspected bandits were said to have invaded

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