

Bandits kill motorists, abduct many on Zamfara highway



Zamfara

Several travellers were killed and abducted on Friday evening when heavily armed bandits attacked commuters along the Mayanchi–Anka Road in **Zamfara State**.

Eyewitnesses said the gunmen laid siege to the busy highway, halting vehicles and forcing passengers into the surrounding bushes.

One of the survivors, Malam Muhammad Ahmad, who narrowly escaped, recounted the horrifying encounter.

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“The bandits blocked us on the road and kidnapped many people,” he said. “Some of us scattered and ran into the bushes. Those who managed to escape did so by hiding in farmlands covered with tall crops.”

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Ahmad added that his colleague, Abubakar Lawali Sardauna, was shot dead after resisting abduction.

“He refused to go with them, saying he would not follow the bandits to the bush. They killed him on the spot,” Ahmad said.

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As of press time, the number of abducted victims could not be confirmed as efforts to reach the Zamfara State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Yazid Abubakar, were unsuccessful.

The Mayanchi–Anka axis has long been a hotspot for bandit attacks, with residents and motorists repeatedly urging security agencies to intensify patrols and restore safety to the volatile route.