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Four policemen killed, two injured by bandits in Katsina



Suspected bandits on Tuesday ambushed a police patrol van in **Katsina**, killing four officers and injuring two others.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Deputy Superintendent of Police Abubakar Sadiq, confirmed the incident, stating that the incident occurred around 12:45 p.m on Tuesday, when operatives of the 27 Police Mobile Force (PMF) from Guga Camp, were on patrol

A Police officer, Corporal Usman Isa, who also confirmed the attack, said the assailants captured the policemen, restrained them and shot them at close range.

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Those killed were identified as Assistant Superintendent of Police Abubakar Abdullahi, Inspector Umar Ahmed and Sergeant Kailani Kabir, and another officer, who died from the injuries he sustained.

A security source said the attackers made away with the officers' weapons, including an AK-47 rifle with 30 rounds of ammunition, a Tokarev pistol loaded with eight rounds, and a long-range rifle.

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Two officers, however, survived the assault but sustained injuries. They are Corporal Daniel Japet, who suffered a fracture, and Corporal Abdulaziz Sani, who is receiving treatment.

Following the incident, the Area Commander has deployed joint police units alongside troops to the scene to secure the area and pursue the attackers.

The bodies of the fallen officers have been evacuated to the General Hospital in Funtua for autopsy, while the injured are receiving medical care.

Police authorities assured the public of their safety, adding that investigations were ongoing as security operations intensify amid renewed concerns over bandit attacks on security personnel.