

2 Police personnel killed, 9 victims rescued in Kaduna foiled kidnap attempt

The Kaduna State Police Command has confirmed the killing of two policemen and rescue of nine abducted persons, following its foiling of a kidnap attempt in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of the state by bandits.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Mansir Hassan, disclosed this in a statement yesterday in Kaduna.

Hassan said that the incident occurred on Wednesday at about 12:45 p.m. following credible intelligence that about 15 bandits armed with sophisticated weapons were sighted around Unguwan Sa'idu Village, a few kilometres from Birnin Gwari Town.

He said the bandits had abducted several persons working on their farms.

According to him, the Area Commander, Birnin Gwari, and the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) immediately mobilised patrol teams, personnel of the Police Mobile Force (PMF), alongside Kaduna Vigilante Service (KADVIS) operatives to the

area on a rescue mission.

"On arrival, the operatives sighted the bandits and engaged them in a gun duel.

"The bandits fled on motorcycles into the bush due to the superior firepower of the security operatives.

"The team launched a hot pursuit, forcing the criminals to abandon their captives and flee," he said.

The police spokesman said the victims were found tied with ropes and abandoned by their captors.

He listed the rescued victims as: Hudu Rabi'u, 31; Yusuf Sagir, 20; Sagir Rabi'u, 17; Muhammad Kabir, 23; Kabir Lawal, 20; Idris Abubakar, 17; Mustapha Zayyanu, 18; Kabiru Rabi'u, 18; and Usman Lawal, 18.

Hassan said the victims were rescued unharmed and reunited with their families.

He, however, said that two police officers lost their lives while returning from the successful operation after suspected bandits ambushed them along the route.

According to him, the officers sustained gunshot wounds and paid the supreme price in the line of duty.