

Gunmen abduct Frenchman, kill 2 in Katsina — Police

GUNMEN invaded Rimi in Katsina State on Wednesday, abducted a French construction worker, killed two persons and attacked a police station, Commissioner of Police in the state Abdullahi Magaji has confirmed.

Magaji told the News Agency of Nigeria yesterday in Katsina that the gunmen attacked the police station to divert

attention, as their main target was the abduction of the expatriate supervisor handling a mill project in Rimi.

Magaji who also said a mobile policeman sustained injuries during the attack and currently receiving treatment in a hospital.

He said: "one gun belonging to the hoodlums was recovered and we are going to arrest

them".

An eyewitness had earlier told NAN that the incident occurred on Wednesday night when a gang of gunmen attacked the police station and the residence of the Frenchman.

According to the eyewitness, the gunmen arrived in three cars and split into three groups to carry out the attacks simultaneously.

"Although the police station was devastated, no one was killed or injured there," according to the eye-witness.

A NAN correspondent who visited Rimi, reports that residents of the town, including the caretaker Chairman of the Local Government Council, Alhaji Nasiru Ala were already preparing to bury the deceased.