

Robbers kill 2 police, bomb station, raid bank in Kabba

From Usman A. Bello, Lokoja

Armed robbery gang yesterday bombed the Divisional Police Station Kabba, killing two police officers while the First Bank that is close to the station was riddled with bullets.

Sunday Trust gathered that the robbers numbering about 10 stormed the police station at about 1:00am yesterday and threw an explosive device into the station which exploded and killed two police officers on duty and carted away weapons in the armoury.

According to the source, the

robbers arrived in two vehicles and two power motorcycles. Immediately they arrived at station they started shooting sporadically and then threw the explosive device into the building which led to the burning of the station.

The source said the attackers moved to the First Bank closed to the station and threw several dynamites into the bank's vault. He said the robbers could not gain access to the vault and so left.

Kogi State Commissioner of Police, Mr Amana Abasankanga who was at Kabba for on the spot

assessment of the area told newsmen that immediately he was alerted of the incident, he mobilized the anti riot policemen and armoured tank to rescue the Kabba police station.

According to him, the robbers on sighting the police rescue team opened fire on them and in the process deflated the tyres of the APC tank before they escaped, adding that he had put his men on red alert and expressed hope that the bandits will soon be arrested.

He said the bank has been raided by armed robbers for more

than two times in recent times even as he urged residents not to panic as the police will arrest the fleeing bandits. The Director of State Security Service (SSS) in Kogi State who was at the scene said it was robbery attack and not Boko Haram as envisaged by some residents.

According to Corporal Olatunji Opeyemi who managed to escape the scene with bullet wounds, the bandits came in three vehicles accompanied by a power motor bike rider at about 1:00 am and forcefully gained access into the police station.

Meanwhile, the Kogi State governor, Alhaji Ibrahim Idris, through his press secretary, Richard Elesho condemned the attack on the police station. He called on the people to go about their normal duties as government is prepared to protect lives and property especially, now that governorship election is around the corner.

However, the Obaro of Kabba, Oba Michael Olobayo who was on hand to receive the police commissioner expressed shock over the tragic incident and urged the people to be vigilant.

4 killed, 5 injured in overnight attack in Bauchi

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

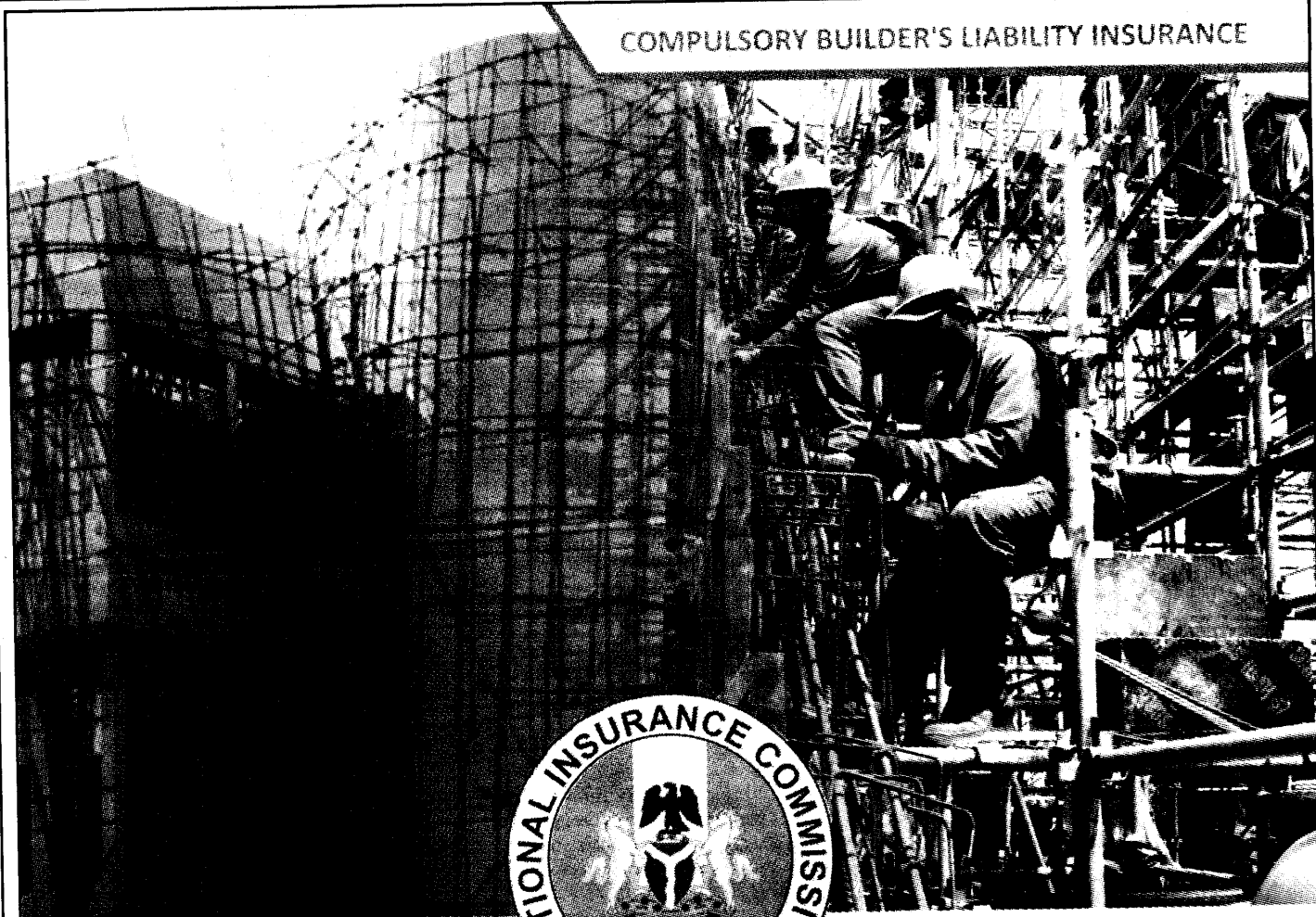
Four People have been killed, five injured in overnight attack in Gangare village, Gobbiya District in Bogoro local government area of Bauchi state.

State Police Commissioner, Mr Ikechukwu Ayo Aduba said, "Yes we have received the report but I don't have the details. We are trying to get the report from the Divisional Police Officer. You know the problem in the area. We have restored peace except these little things. We encouraged them to form vigilantes so that wh never they notice such things they inform us so that we can reach there on time."

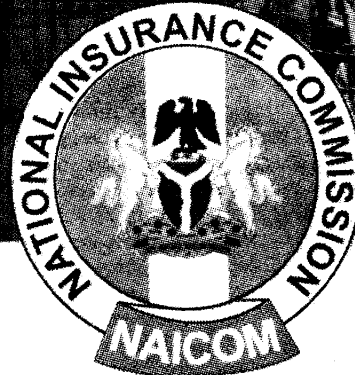
In his account of the incident, the secretary of the Sayawa Elders Council, Barrister Bukata Zhadi told said, "the gunmen invaded the village in the night around 2:00am. They killed four people and injured five, and we have reported the matter to the police and soldiers deployed to the area to restore peace."

Zhadi said the condition of the injured people was critical and they were admitted at Bogoro General Hospital. He said some of them identified the attackers because they had known them.

A top security source in Bauchi State told Sunday Trust that the last night attack was a reprisal because penultimate week, one elderly person was reportedly killed in Bogoro local government area.



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