

# 12 killed in Gombe E

From Lawal Ibrahim, Gombe

Twelve people were confirmed dead and five others critically injured in the Friday night attack on a divisional police station in Gombe metropolis, suspected to be carried out by Jamaatul Ahlil Sunnah Lil Da'awati Wal Jihad otherwise known as "Boko Haram".

Gombe State police commissioner, Mr Orubebe Ghandi Ebikame, who confirmed the death to newsmen on phone,

said normalcy had, however, returned to the city as the security situation had been brought under control.

The victims, according to him, included 10 civilians and two policemen while other two civilians, two policemen and a soldier were currently receiving treatment in the hospital from various injuries sustained during the attack.

The police chief said no arrest had been made in respect of the attack, but advised people to stay

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## Police kill 2 suspected kidnappers in Rivers

From Bashiru Abdullahi, Port Harcourt

Two suspected kidnappers believed to be operating in a gang of three have been killed by men of the Rivers state police command after an exchange of gun-fire in Port Harcourt, the command has said yesterday.

The State's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) , Ben Ugwuegbulam, in a statement said detectives from the command who acted on a tip off from members of the public, raided the suspected kidnappers hideout at Rumuodomaya axis of the state on Friday night and engaged them in a gun battle that led to two members of the gang sustaining fatal injuries while one of them escaped.

The police spokesman also said the suspects, who were killed

while attempting to abduct another victim, operated in a Toyota Lexus jeep and that two AK 47 riffles with fifty three rounds 7.62 mm live ammunitions with six magazines believed to be used by the abductors were recovered.

"At about 2030hrs of 24/02/12, on a tip off, police detectives trailed kidnappers to Port Harcourt Rumuodomaya area where the hoodlums attempted to kidnap by firing at their strike point.

"An exchange of firing ensued with them and in the process, two of the kidnappers sustained fatal injuries, one escaped," the PPRO said. Ben Ugwuegbulam, who did not give the identities of the suspected kidnappers, pointed out further that investigation to arrest the fleeing member of the gang has been intensified.



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From Christiana T. Alabi, Kaduna

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