

Gunmen kill two policemen in Kaduna

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Gunmen numbering about 20 exchanged fire with Policemen in Kajuru, Kaduna State killing two policemen and injuring two others.

Police said the encounter took place on Monday night and the motive of the gunmen was yet known.

Police spokesman in Kaduna Aminu Lawan said the gunmen came to the town between 11pm and 12 midnight and headed toward one direction. He said

“They changed route when they sighted a Police patrol team and moved to a street very close to the police station and took cover in different positions. When the Police van beamed its head light, they started firing in all directions and the officers in the station fired back. Two policemen, an inspector and a sergeant were killed in the encounter while two others sustained injuries.”

The Police said they suspected the gunmen to be armed robbers but none was arrested.

The police also said some of attackers

were either killed or injured but their colleagues took their bodies away.

Lawan said police commissioner in charge of the state visited the scene yesterday and normalcy had return to the area.

But Daily Trust gathered that the gun battle between the police and the gunmen near the Kajuru police station scared residents.

“We could not sleep in our houses because of the gunshots. Many of us ran to the bush for safety because the gunmen were well armed. One of the police men

that were killed, Sergeant Irimiya Shekari is our neighbour,” said a resident in Kajuru.

Kaduna State Governor Mukhtar Ramalan Yero has condemned the attack.

Government spokesman Ahmed Maiyaki said Yero who visited the scene yesterday described the attack as unfortunate and sympathized with the families of the deceased policemen.

The governor also promised to provide assistance to all victims of the incidence while the state government is to pay all hospital bills of those injured.

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