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# GUNMEN KILL 3 POLICEMEN IN KATSINA



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Gunmen shot dead three policemen along the Kano-Katsina border, at Gidan Mutum Daya, Kusada Council Area of Katsina State yesterday.

Daily Trust gathered that the gunmen also shot and injured a civilian who was taken to the Katsina General Hospital.

Sources said the gunmen arrived the scene on motorcycles and shot at the policemen who had been stationed at the border area for a stop-and-search exercise.

"The policemen ran into the bush when they realized they were under heavy attack, but the gunmen chased after them and shot them at close range," a source added.

At the Kankia General Hospital, where their bodies were deposited, a medical personnel, who does not want his name in print, said one of the policemen was alive when they were brought but that he died after a few minutes.

Spokesman of the Katsina Police Command, DSP Abubakar Sadiq, confirmed the incident.

He said: "We lost three of our men from Kusada division, who were on a stop and search exercise. Four men on motorcycles emerged from the bush and began to shoot at them but they fired back. The assailants fled back into the bush and our men followed, not knowing that there was a Golf car with some other armed men in it; it was an ambush. Our men were killed but one of the gunmen was hit, though his colleagues did not leave him behind."

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