

But the worse happened on November 21, 2017, when the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) confirmed the killing of Marshal Inspector 1, Ardo Njiga who was travelling in a commercial bus when armed men suspected to be kidnappers struck at 6.30am at the Sabon-Wuse area along the Kaduna-Abuja highway.

Besides, the Corps' Public Education Officer, Bisi Kazeem, who confirmed the officer's death in a statement, said two other marshals were abducted by the gunmen. One of the abductees was Senior Road Marshal Assistant, Garba Bello.

Emotions were high when Mr Kazeem explained that the marshals actually took permission to be with their families in Kaduna at the weekend, and were on their way back to Abuja when the attack took place.

FRSC Corps Marshal, Boboye Oyeyemi, expressed sadness over the incident and commiserated with families of the victims.

Also, that day, many commuters along the route confirmed that kidnappers operated for many hours abducting passengers and forcing them to pay ransom as low as N10, 000.

This was even as the police earlier made many arrests in September including 13 armed robbers and members of notorious kidnap gangs. The police recovered two AK 47 rifles, 16 locally made guns, cutlasses and charms.

Before then, in August, Police Special Forces under "Operation Absolute Sanity" arrested another batch of 40 kidnappers and armed robbers terrorising motorists on the highway.

Commenting on the measures the police are taking in an interview with Daily Trust, the Kaduna State Commissioner of Police, Agyole Abbeh, said, "Between Kakau, Gonin Gora and Jere. I have 69 vehicles with over 600 police mobile personnel, the Special Forces"...

However, he made reference to the killing of the member of the vigilante pointing out that it took place in a farmland in the bush and not even within a village.

He expressed concern with the blocking of the highway, saying it was unfortunate. "What we are doing is to first provide security in some of the villages and some settlements so that when incidences happen, we expect citizens to be able to channel their complaints to the appropriate authorities and not cause more pain and hardship to innocent travellers that are not connected with the issue.