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2 hoodlums killed in Sokoto over attempt to free prisoners

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

Two persons were shot dead around Kanwuri area of Sokoto as the Nigerian Prisons Service in the state said it foiled an attack by some miscreants on

a prisons court duty vehicle conveying 18 awaiting trial inmates from Sokoto prison to court.

The Police Public Relations officer Sokoto Command, ASP Cordelia Nwewe confirmed the incident and said some

group of miscreants attacked the prison van while conveying awaiting trial inmates to court.

She said the hoodlums succeeded in stopping the vehicle on Sultan Abubakar road attempting to set the inmates free and that in the

process two of attackers lost their lives while one sustained injury.

She said some weapons were recovered from the scene, adding that the "situation was fully under control, all we are saying is the people should

remain calm."

Also, Public Relations Officer, Nigerian Prisons Service, Sokoto Command ASP Bello Umar Faruk said some hoodlums attempted to set prison inmates free but was foiled.