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Cleric, 1 other killed by kidnappers in Taraba

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A Jalingo-based Imam, Malam Gambo and one other person yet to be identified have been killed by gunmen suspected to be kidnappers.

The gunmen also abducted several other persons and took them into the bush.

Daily Trust gathered that the incident happened at

about 6pm on Sunday near Sibire village along Jalingo-Mutumbiyu road.

It was further gathered that the two persons killed were returning from their farms when they ran into a group of gunmen.

One Ibrahim Nuhu, who said he narrowly escaped, told our reporter that the gunmen had blocked the road, shooting at vehicles

coming from both directions.

He said he was stopped by some villagers, who alerted him that some gunmen had blocked the road.

Nuhu said the gunmen took some people into the bush but that they were rescued by policemen.

The spokesman of the police in Taraba, DSP David Misal, confirmed that two persons were killed and

seven others rescued by the police.

He however said he could not confirm the abduction of any person.

Jalingo-Mutumbiyu road has become a nightmare to motorists because of the high rate of kidnapping along it.

Meanwhile, hunters have been mobilized to go into the bush in the area to flush out the kidnappers.