

Gunmen kill 16 Kano travellers along Abuja-Kaduna highway

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Unknown gunmen on Monday killed 16 young men from Danbatta LGA of Kano State along Abuja-Kaduna expressway on their way to Lagos State, Daily Trust gathered on Thursday.

It was further gathered that of the 16 people killed, one of them was from Dambatta town, while the rest are from three villages - Maiganji,

Tsaraka and Sansan

Malam Suleiman Yusuf Maitama, founder of Dambatta Reporters, a local news platform in the town, told Daily Trust yesterday that the victims were mostly below the age of 40.

"The incident happened on Monday. They are friends and normally come here to visit family and go back to Lagos for their businesses. We got the news on Tuesday and they were buried here," he said.

He added that the victims

were not abducted by the gunmen but were killed when the gunmen opened fire on their vehicle.

On whether the families of the victims were contacted by the police, Maitama said "honestly I can't say. But even DSS, Dambatta station contacted me and I connected them to their family but I don't know what they have discussed.

Kano State governor, Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, expressed shock over the

incident.

"The news is devastating and frustrating. We commiserate with the families of the deceased, the people of Dambatta Local Government, and the people of Kano State," the governor was quoted as saying in a condolence message by his Chief Press Secretary, Abba Anwar.

He prayed that Almighty Allah forgive the deceased and give their families the fortitude to bear the loss.

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