

## Zamfara politician killed, others abducted on Kaduna-Abuja Road attack

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Armed bandits on Sunday blocked the Kaduna-Abuja Highway and opened fire on travellers, killing one person and abducting an unspecified number of people.

Daily Trust gathered that the incident, which occurred around 3:30pm close to Rijana, claimed the life of a former FCT Director of Protocol who was also a Zamfara State governorship aspirant, Alhaji Sagir Hamidu.

A Facebook user, Kabeer Gambo Rigasa, wrote "ALHAMDULILLAH, ALHAMDULILLAH, Escaped Been (sic) Kidnapped Along Abuja To Kaduna Road Around 3:30pm Today".

Other witnesses report that the bandits operated for over an hour without any deterrence from law enforcement agencies while several vehicles had to make a u-turn when they heard the gunshots.

Daily Trust reports that the Kaduna-Abuja highway dotted by numerous potholes had become a death trap for travellers

constantly being attacked, killed and abducted by gunmen locally referred to as bandits.

However, activities of the bandits have been on the decline in recent weeks since a military operation began to flush them out in selected forest areas of the state.

A video released online showed two empty vehicles which appeared to have been abandoned in the middle of the highway.

A witness travelling along the road had released the short video showing two abandoned vehicles saying that the occupants had been abducted.

In the 31 second video, the person behind the camera could be heard shouting, "Oh my God, they have carried our friends, we are just coming from Kaduna. Today is 21st November 2021, oh my God, the Lord is faithful, thank you for saving our lives."

Kaduna State Police Command is yet to respond to the video. The state's Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Mohammed Jalige, did not respond to calls and a chat on the video.

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