## Gunmen attack travellers in Kwara, kill 2, abduct 3

Two people have been killed and three others abducted in an attack by armed men in Ganmu village, near Babanla in the Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State.

The incident occurred when the victims, who were traveling from Lagos to Babanla, got a flat tire near the community.

As they were attempting to fix it, five gunmen ambushed them and opened fire. The victims killed in

the attack have been identified as Alhaji Abdulrazak Ewenla, from Ajia village, and Jimoh Audu, from Ganmu. The three individuals who were abducted are Kazeem Ajide, Wahidi, and Mufutau, though the surnames of the last two have not yet been confirmed.

Local sources from the area said following the attack, a joint team of police, military personnel, and local vigilantes was deployed to the scene to search the area and restore order. The state police command confirmed the attack in a statement released on Thursday by its spokesperson, SP Adetoun Ejire-Adeyemi.

The police spokesperson, however, dismissed a viral video that suggested residents had fled the village, creating the impression of a ghost town.

"Contrary to the misleading

viral video, the area is not deserted," the statement read. "The security presence seen in the clip is a coordinated deployment to maintain public safety and aid the rescue effort."

The command stated that it has launched a full investigation into the incident and that efforts are ongoing to rescue the kidnapped victims unharmed and bring the perpetrators to justice.