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police command will address a press conference where we will give you the update on the incident in southern part of Kaduna."

③ Yobe State Police Commissioner, Sanusi Rufai, said yesterday that suspected armed robbers attacked traders on the Ngalda road, killing 18 of them and injuring five others in Bara village.

He told reporters yesterday at the police headquarters in Damaturu that the traders were attacked on Monday at Bara, 154 kilometres west of the state capital, before the police were alerted to the incident by residents.

On how the traders were killed, the police commis-

sioner said: "While traders were returning from Ngalda market, the suspected armed bandits attacked and killed 18 of them, 10 from Kukuwa and eight from Dokshi villages and snatched their money."

He added that the suspects were masked and wore army uniform.

Sanusi further disclosed that a policeman attached to a quarry plant in Bara village was also shot dead by the fleeing bandits.

"The Joint Task Force (JTF) and police are now combing the bush and security agents across the state are on red alert," he said.