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Suspected herdsmen kill two police officers, injure others in Kaduna

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GUNMEN suspected to be Fulani herdsmen yesterday attacked policemen at a checkpoint along Kagoro-Gidan Waya Road in Kaura local council of Kaduna State, killing two officers and injuring two others.

The bandits also carted away two AK47 rifles belonging to the officers.

The dead officers were deployed to the area to check

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the activities of criminals ravaging the communities and killing the inhabitants.

An eyewitness said the injured officers were rushed to the general hospital in Kafanchan.

He said the incident occurred at around 9:30a.m.

According to him: "This morning, two policemen were killed by gunmen along Kagoro-Gidan Waya Road. We believe they are Fulani herdsmen who have

been killing people in our communities.

"There were six policemen at the checkpoint, two of them were killed and their AK47 rifles taken away by the herdsmen. Two others sustained serious injuries from gunshots while the remaining two were lucky to escape unhurt.

"We took those who were wounded to the General Hospital, Kafanchan. I understand that one of the

dead policemen just resumed duty here today. This is very sad and unfortunate."

The spokesman of the state police command, DSP Aliyu Usman confirmed the incident. He said the perpetrators would be arrested soon.

Meanwhile, the Sokoto State Police Commissioner, Alhaji Muhammad Abdulkadir, has confirmed that one person was killed during a procession by members of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN) also known as

Shiites on Wednesday.

Abdulkadir, who spoke at a press conference said the victim was attacked and killed at Tudun Wada area when he drove in from Birni Kebbi dressed in the black Shiite uniform.

He said three motorcycles were destroyed at Tamaji area while the police recovered cutlasses used by the attackers.

He assured members of the public that his men are on ground to protect lives and property.