

In a more daring attack, gunmen have killed 17 hunters at Tsayau forest in Jibia Local Government Area of neighbouring Katsina State. The gunmen also abducted 25 other hunters who were in the company of those killed and have made an initial demand of N500 million as ransom.

The incident occurred on the weekend when the victims entered the forest to hunt for wild animals. A leader of the hunters in Jibia said the victims had trekked for many miles into the forest and had unknowingly trespassed into a territory where the gunmen were camping.

“A shoot out followed and the gunmen pursued the hunters on their motorcycles, killing 17 of them and abducting 25 others. A leader of the gunmen had called and demanded N500 million for the abducted hunters, but later reduced it to N50 million. They are asking we pay the ransom or they would kill all the 25 hunters with them.”

He, therefore, called on the state government to come to the assistance of the abducted hunters, as they don't have much money to give as ransom.