

# Kastina: Terrorists kill police Inspector, abduct passengers

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**T**ERRORISTS, yesterday, ambushed a security outpost and killed a policeman, one Inspector Idris Musa at Makera village, along the Katsina-Jibia road, Katsina State.

The terrorists, it was learnt, also abducted several passengers plying the road and moved them into a forest, which shares border with Jibia Local Council.

A source from the area said the terrorists took security personnel stationed at the outpost unawares, and that they met little resistance during the attack.

He added that the terrorists also set the deceased policeman's vehicle ablaze, before kidnapping unspecified number of passengers and moved them into the forest.

He lamented that such attacks and abductions had become frequent in recent times, even as he called on government to re-strategise to effectively tackle the security situation.

The terrorists had also abducted several passengers and were almost moving them into the forest, when they were accosted by security unit despatched to the scene.

The incident happened few

weeks after a state-owned commercial coaster bus was attacked by terrorists where they shot and killed the driver.

There were reports of similar attacks on security outposts and abduction of passengers along the Katsina-Jibia road in the past.

This is in spite of the presence of more than 12 security checkpoints, consisting of police, customs and military, which dot the approximately 50-kilometre road.

Spokesperson for the Command, Gambo Isah was yet to respond to inquiry on the issue at press time.