

# Gunmen Kill Two Soldiers In Kano

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Armed men at the weekend killed two soldiers on special duty at Falgore Forest in Doguwa Council of Kano State and stole their guns.

The soldiers were from Bukavu Barracks.

In a similar attack two months ago, gunmen killed 12 policemen and four officers of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and stole their arms and ammunition.

That incident occurred on

Workers' Day

Zaria Road Headquarters of the FRSC as well as Sharada and Panshekara police stations.

The Kano Police Command and 3 Brigade, Bukavu Barracks, confirmed the Saturday morning incident on Monday but did not give the names of the soldiers.

The soldiers were in a commercial bus going to Tudun Wada.

Sources said one of the soldiers was ill while his colleague offered to accompany him to Tudun Wada where they intended to buy some drugs.

One of the occupants of the bus said the armed men killed only the soldiers while the civilians were ordered to lie face down.

"They emerged from no where and ordered the driver to stop at gun point. They shot sporadically, while holding the soldiers to ransom before they were finally disarmed," the survivor who did not want his name in print recounted.

He added that the gunmen took the soldiers a few metres away from the scene of the incident and shot them several

times.

"I heard several gunshots some metres away from where we were lying. Some minutes later, when they had gone, we stood up only to see the soldiers lying in their own pool of blood," he stated.

The survivor also suggested that the gunmen might have been on the trail of the soldiers as they neither stole anything from civilians in the bus nor hurt them.

Army Public Relations Officer, Lieutenant K.A. Adegoke, described the incident as dis-

turbing. He disclosed that a team of soldiers has been dispatched to Falgore Forest to beef up security.

"We are determined to track down perpetrators of that heinous crime. And I promise you that in no distant time, you will hear the result," Adegoke said.

Police spokesman, DSP Baba Mohammed, spoke in the same vein. He said police have beefed up security in the state.

"Like we have been doing, we will surely fish out the armed robbers," he promised.

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