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## Gunmen kill four policemen in Bauchi



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\* IGP redeploys five AIGs, two CPs

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**Unknown** gunmen launched an attack on policemen along Bauchi-Gombe Road on Thursday at about 11 pm killing four while two others sustained injury.

A security source who spoke on condition

of anonymity confirmed the incident to journalists in Bauchi.

He described the incident as unfortunate saying “it was unfortunate that police lost four of its men; may their soul rest in peace. Two policemen were also injured as they were ambushed by some hoodlums but police repelled the attack and hit the gunmen and recovered a gun.”

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Haruna Mohammed, who did not confirm nor deny the incident said they received a report about the incident “but we are trying to get the detail so that we can brief journalists.”

Some residents of the area said they heard sporadic gunshots and exchange of fire that lasted for over one hour in the area yesterday (Thursday) night, a situation that caused confusion as people ran for safety adding that the hoodlums damaged police patrol vehicles during the attack.”

It was gathered that soldiers with armoured personnel carrier and other security personnel were deployed to the area immediately to restore law and order.

Meanwhile, the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Muhammad Abubakar, on Friday ordered the immediate redeployment of five assistant inspectors general of police (AIGs) and two commissioners of police (CPs) to their respective zonal and state commands and formations.

This is in line with his determination to build a people-friendly police force.

Among those redeployed are the former CP Anambra State, AIG Ballah M. Nasarawa who was recently promoted assistant inspector-general of police and has now been posted as the AIG in charge of Zone 9, Umuahia – covering Abia, Imo, Enugu and Anambra states commands.

CP Usman Gwary, is now in charge of Anambra State Police Command.

The IGP charged the affected officers to ensure that they step up the fight against crimes and criminalities and called on them to ensure that the safety and security of lives and property of the citizenry are not compromised.

Other AIGs redeployed include Mohammed. J Gana, to take charge of Zone 12 and AIG Tambari Yabo Mohammed.

The two CPs affected by the redeployment are Saidu Madawaki who will take charge of Kogi State Command.

The posting, according to the Force Spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, is with immediate effect.

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