

Gunmen Abduct 12 Police Officers, Kill 16 Persons

Gunmen have kidnapped 12 police officers on their way to Zamfara State from Borno State, BBC reports.

This is coming as gunmen killed 16 persons in Kaduna State.

According to the report, the officers who are of the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), were abducted ten days ago in a village between Katsina and Zamfara states.

It said the officers were on their way from Borno State to conduct a special operation in Zamfara State when they were ambushed by gunmen and kidnapped.

The families of the officers have been worried about the fate of their husbands ever since they were abducted, it said.

The wife of one of the police officers told BBC that she had not heard from her husband for three days until she went to Borno State police barracks to learn that their husbands had been abducted, and later said two had escaped from the hands of the gunmen where they phoned the headquarters that the rest had been taken away.

She added that she later got a phone call from her husband but only briefly, explaining to her the situation in the hands of their captors.

"He called me on Wednesday and told me that he was in the hands of the kidnappers", she said.

Frank Mba, Force Public Relations Officer, did not respond to calls as at the time of going to press.

Gunmen Kill 16 Persons in Kaduna

Meanwhile, gunmen killed 16 persons in Kaduna State in the past three days, the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said on Tuesday.

Aruwan said in a statement that many other persons were also injured when gunmen attacked Giwa, Zangon Kataf, Igabi and Kajuru local government areas of the state between Sunday and Tuesday.

He said that the District Head of one of the villages in Zangon Kataf Local Government Area and his son were killed in the early hours of Tuesday.

The deceased district head's daughter and widow were injured by the gunmen who also abducted many people.

Aruwan stated that two persons were killed when assailants attacked Fatika, Kaya and Yakawada villages in Giwa local government area of the state.

The commissioner added that 11 persons were killed in Monday's attack at Albasu village in the Igabi local government area.

He said that security agencies already identified a former village head as the person killed in Kajuru local government



Obafemi Hamzat, Deputy Governor (second left); Atiku Bagud Simon Lalong, Governor, Plateau delegation of progressive govern

area where two persons were also abducted.

"Troops, in collaboration with other security agencies, are carrying out investigations and trailing the assailants," Aruwan stated.

He said that the governor had directed the Commissioner of Police and the Director of the Department of State Services to team up with the military to ensure diligent investigations.

Aruwan enjoined citizens to contact government with relevant information that could lead to the arrest of the assailants on 09034000060 or 08170189999, or via email: Internal.Security@kdsg.gov.ng