

40 gunmen abduct Zamfara Rep's kids

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•*Nine killed*

In a commando-like manner, two grown up children of House of Representatives member Yahaya Chado (Maradun/Bakura Federal Constituency) of Zamfara state were abducted in the wee hours of yesterday.

The police have launched investigation according to their Zamfara state spokesman Mohammed Shehu.

He told reporters in Gusau, the state capital yesterday, that the children were abducted after the gunmen invaded the lawmaker's home village at Gora in Maradun Local

Government.

He said three persons were killed and four others injured during the attack at about 1 a.m

One of the villagers, Kabiru Mai-Kwashe, told NAN that the abductors came on 20 motorcycles, with each motorcycle conveying two armed persons.

“They shot sporadically in the air before going to the house of their victims.

“The gunmen forcibly took away the two victims, Muhammad Yahaya, 27, and Junaidu Yahaya, 35, “ he said.

According to him, after the gunmen left the house, they also shot and killed six persons and injured four others.

Mai-Kwashe added that one of those abducted later returned with a telephone number ostensibly given by the abductors directing his father to contact them “if he wants to see his eldest son again.”

NAN gathered that the abductors had demanded a ransom of N10 million to release the victims.

The police spokesman said a combined team of police and military personnel had been deployed in an extensive search for the gunmen and to rescue the victims.

He said those killed and injured during the attack were taken to Maradun General Hospital.