

Police inspector killed, 19 abducted in Zamfara

•Protesting Katsina youths block highway

THE Zamfara State police command has confirmed the killing of a police inspector and two others in the College of Agriculture Bakura in Bakura Local Government Area of the state.

This was contained in a statement yesterday by the Command's spokesman Muhammad Shehu who also confirmed that 15 students and four staff members of the college were abducted.

"The bandits came in large

From Augustine Okezie,
Katsina, and Oyebola
Owolabi

numbers about midnight with intent to abduct a large number of students and staff but were heavily confronted by tactical police operatives," Shehu said.

"Unfortunately, a police inspector and two other guards lost their lives while 15 students and four staff members were abducted by

in Jigawa, and six in Kebbi, females.

the bandits."

He said police later rescued three staff members.

A Bakura resident Rabi'u Abubakar said security agents seemed helpless in the situation.

"We need help from God," he said.

In Katsina, angry youths in Yantumaki, Danmusa Local Government Area of Katsina State yesterday blocked the busy Katsina-

Funtua Highway

They were protesting against bandit attacks in Amarawa village and several other communities in Danmusa and Matazu.

They said six persons were killed in the communities in sustained attacks from Friday night to Sunday night.

The protesting youths said houses were razed and domestic animals rustled.