

Ex-governorship aspirant killed, many abducted on Abuja-Kaduna Road

- Abduction a national embarrassment, says ACF

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Sagir Hamidu

Gunmen have killed a former governorship aspirant in Zamfara, and abducted an unspecified number of passengers on Kaduna-Abuja Highway.

The incident happened on Sunday.

Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, Commissioner of Police, Mudasiru Abdullahi, and Garrison Commander 1 Division, Nigerian Army, Brig-Gen. Uriah Opuene visited the scene of the attack yesterday.

Eleven persons were reportedly rescued.

It was said that the bandits attacked several motorists on the highway, killed a stalwart of the All Progressives Congress (APC), who was a governorship aspirant in Zamfara State, Alhaji Sagir Hamidu.

A Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) belonging to the deceased was recovered by the security.

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Our correspondent observed that the SUV was shot about six times by the bandits.

The governorship aspirant was killed in the process.

CP Abdullahi said an investigation and search for the abductees had started, adding that for months the highway was safe until the recent incident.

Commissioner Aruwan described the incident as disturbing, saying that the government had deployed four Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs) in the area.

The Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) said the incessant attacks on the road are a national embarrassment.

The ACF, in a statement by its National Publicity Secretary, Emmanuel Yawe, said, “The Arewa Consultative Forum is becoming agitated by the unrestrained acts of terrorism on the strategic highway between Abuja and Kaduna.

“On a daily basis, Nigerians are being terrorised, kidnapped and killed without let on this road. This is a national shame and completely unacceptable to our forum.

“The latest victim of this act of terror is Alhaji Hamida Sagir, a retired Director of Protocol at the Federal Capital Development Authority FCDA and a governorship aspirant in Zamfara State, who was shot and killed at Rijama.”