

Bandits again kill six, abduct many in Kaduna

BANDITS have again attacked travellers on Birnin Gwari-Kaduna Expressway, reportedly killing six persons and taking an uncertain number of others away.

Barely 24 hours earlier, gunmen attacked a police-led convoy of about 20 vehicles on the same road.

The Nation had reported that about 70 traders were abducted in Wednesday's attack, but police said their men gave the bandits a hot chase and rescued 48

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victims.

However, it was gathered that the bandits struck again at about 3pm yesterday around Unguwar Geda, a few meters from the notorious Zankoro area of the highway.

Sources said several vehicles were intercepted and many abducted during the attack.

A source told our correspondent that the attacked vehicles

were also escorted by security men and vigilantes, yet the bandits broke up the convoy.

Leader of Birnin Gwari vigilantes, Sabo Danbanga, and other security personnel were said to have sustained injuries during the attack.

Police spokesman Muhammed Jalige did not respond to enquiries about the latest incident, but the locals put the casualty figure at six.

One of the locals, who said

his younger brother was among those abducted, said, "I can confirm six people dead and we don't know how many were abducted. My younger brother was among those abducted. In fact, the bandits have reached out to us this evening."

Another resident of Udawa, Mohammad Umaru, confirmed that his younger brother was also killed, saying, "It's terrible; they killed my brother; we received his body and have just buried him."

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