

## Bandits kill ex-education commissioner, military officer, 2 others on Kaduna-Abuja highway

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**K**ADUNA State Police Command has confirmed that bandits operating on the Kaduna-Abuja highway on Sunday evening killed four commuters and injured five.

This was contained in a statement signed by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Kaduna State Command, Aliyu Mukhtar, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP).

**Nigerian Tribune** gathered that the dead victims included the former Commissioner for Education in Katsina State, Professor Halimatu Idris, as well as an army officer and his daughter.

"The Kaduna State Police Command wishes to inform the public that on July 22, at about 06:30pm, a distress call was received that a group of unidentified armed

men blocked Kaduna-Abuja highway by Gidan Busa Village, and opened fire indiscriminately at any vehicle on sight.

"In swift response, teams of policemen stormed the scene where the bandits were dislodged. But sadly,

they had already killed four commuters and injured five others," the statement read.

The PPRO said that normalcy had been restored on the road with commuters moving safely without molestation.

"The police command is reassuring members of the public that its officers and men are committed, even more than before, to protect lives and property of Nigerians, irrespective of time, venue and circumstance.

"In this regard, we call on the general public to volunteer information to security agencies to assist us in ridding our communities of such violent miscreants who have constituted threat to our peaceful coexistence," he concluded.



The remains of Professor Halima Idris being conveyed to Isa Kaita cemetery for burial, in Kaduna, on Monday. PHOTO: SABIU MUHAMMAD

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