

## 2 Vigilance group, security forces foil kidnap attempt in Kogi, kill 2

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MEMBERS of a vigilance group with security forces on Monday exchanged gun battle with some suspected kidnappers numbering about 15 and who were armed with AK-47 rifles.

It was gathered that the suspected kidnappers had ambushed commuters at about 4:00 a.m. on Monday on the Lokoja-Abuja Highway when the vigilance group members and security forces moved in to save the situation.

During the exchange of

gun fire, two suspected kidnappers were gunned down, while the others escaped with various degrees of bullet wounds.

Speaking to the *Nigerian Tribune* on the development, Senior Special Assistant on Security to the Kogi State

governor, Honourable Isah Abdulkarim, said the kidnappers, numbering about 15 and armed with AK-47 rifles, ambushed commuters on the Lokoja-Abuja Highway.

Abdulkarim said the hoodlums fired sporadically at a Sienna bus, while the driver

and two other passengers sustained bullet wounds.

He said security forces and members of the vigilance group immediately went after the kidnappers, which led to the death of two of the suspects during an exchange of gun fire.