

Two killed, four expatriates rescued, three abducted during bandits' attack on Niger power project

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NIGER State police command has confirmed the death of two Nigerian members of staff of the Zungeru Hydro Power Dam in Wushishi Local Government Area of Niger State who earlier sustained gunshot injuries when gunmen suspected to

be bandits attacked the site at about 4:30 p.m. pm Tuesday.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Wasiu Abiodun, stated this in a statement issued and made available to newsmen on Wednesday in Minna, the state capital.

The statement said some gunmen had attacked officials of the hydro power

dam, otherwise known as Sino-Hydro Power Dam, while workers were busy working on the transmission line tower along Gussase village in Wushishi Local Government Area of the state and Beji village in Bosso Local Government Area.

The statement, however, revealed that the police tactical team attached to the facility immediately

engaged the hoodlums in a gun duel, just as it added that four Chinese expatriates were rescued, while one of them sustained gunshot injury.

The police said two local members of staff of the power dam, who earlier sustained serious gunshot injuries and had been taken to hospital, were later confirmed dead by medical per-

sonnel.

Abiodun said: "In the process of scampering for safety during the gun duel, three among the expatriates could not be accounted for.

"The joint police/military tactical teams are presently at Zungeru, and are already on aggressive manhunt for the fleeing hoodlums in a bid to rescue the missing/abducted expatriates."