

# **Kogi Jailbreak: NCoS CG orders investigation, immediate re-arrest of remaining escapees**

THE acting Controller-General of Nigeria Correctional Service (NCoS), Mr Sylvester Nwakuche, on Monday, ordered for the quick re-arrest of the remaining escapees from the Konton Karfe prison, in Kogi State.

According to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*, Nwakuche gave the order during an assessment visit to the correctional centre.

He also ordered for a comprehensive investigation into the circumstances

surrounding their escape.

It will be recalled that 12 inmates escaped from the Medium Security Custodial Centre in Konton Karfe, and so far, five of them have been recaptured.

The jail break, which occurred in the early hours of Monday, left one correctional officer dead.

Inmates in a section of the facility manipulated the centre's padlocks, leading to the escape of the 12 of them.

Nwakuche said it took the efforts of combined team of operatives to re-arrest some of the escapees.

He also ordered a security audit to be conducted across all correctional facilities nationwide to prevent future occurrences.

He urged members of the public to remain calm and co-operate with security agencies by providing useful information that may assist in the recapture of those still at large.

"Citizens are encouraged to

report any suspicious activities to the nearest security agency.

"Nigerians should know that the safety of custodial centers remains a top priority and measures are being reinforced to strengthen security across all facilities.

"The NCoS remains committed to ensuring that correctional facilities fulfill their mandate of safe custody, rehabilitation and reintegration of all inmates," he assured.