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Kidnappers kill two policemen, abduct four expatriates

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Gunmen, suspected to be kidnappers, on Tuesday abducted two Americans and two Canadians on Kwoi-Jere Road in the Kagarko Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the victims had visited Kafanchan, in the Jema'a LGA area of the state to inspect some projects, and were returning to their base in Abuja when they were ambushed by the assailants.

The gunmen were reported to have opened fire on the police team escorting the expatriates, killing them on the spot.

The assailants then proceeded to abduct the foreigners, whom they whisked away to their hideout.

"It's a sad development, but I am sure the police would get to the root of the matter," he said.

The police spokesman, DSP Mukhtar Aliyu, told *PUNCH Metro* on Wednesday that the command had launched a manhunt for the kidnappers and vowed that the expatriates would be rescued alive.

He noted that the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Agyole Abeh, had directed the antikidnap squad to rescue the victims alive.

He said, "The expatriates were travelling from Kafanchan to Abuja. They were ambushed by the gunmen who opened fire on their vehicle.

"There was a gunfire exchange between the kidnappers and our men. Unfortunately, we lost two policemen, while the four expatriates were whisked away to an unknown destination. We are making efforts to arrest the suspects and free the victims."

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