

Gunmen kill one, abduct 20 travellers in Nasarawa

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GUNMEN suspected to be kidnappers struck again in Nasarawa State, killing the former education secretary of Nasarawa Local Government Area, Malami Salihu, and abducting about 20 persons travelling to Toto Local Government Area of the state.

Investigation by *The PUNCH*, revealed that the incident occurred at exactly 1.50 pm on Tuesday along Mungi Sharp Corner, Buga Gwari in Gadabuke, Toto LGA.

It was gathered that the 20 abducted victims, who were travelling in three vehicles, were said to have been intercepted by yet to be identified gunmen who marched them into the bush.

An eyewitness informed our correspondent that during the incident, the former education secretary, who was travelling to Toto from Nasarawa was reportedly killed.

Confirming the incident to our correspondent, the Secretary of Gadabuke emirate council, Mr. Abdullahi Baba, said the gunmen came out in their hundreds from bush and intercepted some vehicles plying the road, kidnapping some passengers in the process.

Salihu and his friend were said to have been travelling in a private vehicle before they were kidnapped, but his (Salihu) dead body was later found in a nearby bush.

The state Police Public Relations Officer Nasarawa, Ramhan Nansel, who confirmed the incident, however, stated that no passenger was abducted.

Nansel, however, said the Commissioner of Police, Mr Bola Longe, had directed the DPO of Toto LGA to mobilise his personnel to start combing the bushes.