

Gunmen kill cop, one other, abduct two Chinese in Taraba

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THE Nigeria Immigration Service, Taraba State Command, on Wednesday, confirmed that two persons were killed and two Chinese kidnapped in the Wukari Local Government Area of the state.

The Immigration Public Relations Officer, Mr Ayuba Tijos, confirmed this development in a text message sent to our correspondent in Jalingo.

Ayuba said, "Report reaching us from Wukari indicated that two persons were killed and two China nationals were kidnapped



• Taraba Gov, Darius Ishaku in the Wukari Local Government Area of Taraba State.

"The Chinese were said to be working at a mining site in Arufu, a border village between Benue and Taraba states, from where they were kidnapped in the night of Monday, June 15, 2021.

"Investigation is ongoing and details about the development will be made public as events unfold."

On his part, the state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP David Missal, confirmed that gunmen invaded a Chinese mining site in Arufu area on Monday and kidnapped two Chinese around 9.45pm.

According to him, one person was killed in the process.

He said efforts were on to rescue the victims.

Some residents of the area told our correspondent on the telephone that two persons, including a policeman, were killed in the attack.

It was also gathered that the two kidnapped Chinese were working at the site being operated by H&H Mining Company.

In an attempt to repel the attackers, it was gathered that a riot policeman and several others sustained varying degrees of injury.

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criminal activities.

"We cannot continue to live in fear because of the activities of some unscrupulous people, who have decided to terrorise people in Ehor. They are two victims now, but more will be killed if nothing is done to check their activities."

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, SP Kontongs Bello, told *PUNCH Metro* that the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of operations had already been deployed in Ehor to meet with the protesters and see what could be done to

boost security in the area.

He stated that the command had already deployed men in the area to check the activities of criminals, adding that the area would not become a safe haven for criminals.

"I can confirm to you that the ACP Operations has been deployed in the area and our men are already there to boost security around the area. The Edo State Police Command will not tolerate the activities of criminals in the state," Bello stated.

In a related development, a graduate of Architecture from the Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Edo State, Miss Ella Williams, was on Monday gunned down by suspected herdsmen on the Benin-Ekpoma Expressway.

Williams was said to be travelling from Benin to Ekpoma to pick up her call-up letter for the one year mandatory National Youth Service Corps programme, when the suspected herdsmen opened fire on the bus conveying her and she died on the spot, while other passengers were abducted.