

Gunmen targeting Kwara hotelier kill resident, abduct one

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ONE person was shot dead while another was abducted in Mandala in the Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State on Saturday.

The police in a statement by the state Police Public Relations Officer, Ajayi Okasanmi, said about 10 armed men in military uniform invaded Zulu Aneje Hotel, Mandala, near Alapa, around 8pm on Saturday and shot dead one Razaq Aro in front of the hotel.

Okasanmi said the target of the kidnap was the owner of the hotel, Alhaji Babatunde Zulu, who escaped into the bush during the attack, adding that a resident of the Anifowose area, Abdulhakeem Aminu, was abducted.

"In an attempt to abduct the owner of the hotel, one Zulu, shots were fired by the invaders and one Aro Radaq was hit and he died at the front of the hotel. The target of the kidnap, who happens to be the owner of the hotel, escaped with injuries.

"While escaping into the bush, the kidnappers abducted one Abdulhakeem Aminu," the PPRO said.

Okasanmi added that the Commissioner of Police in charge of the Kwara State Command, Tuesday Assayomo, had dispatched some tactical units in the area, and had also co-opted local hunters and vigilantes to rescue Aminu.

The CP also advised the organisers of a planned protest on Monday over the incident (today)

to shun such plans.

"Adequate security is in place forestall any breakdown of law and order and to protect every law abiding citizens of the state, please," the PPRO said.

Speaking on the incident, a former commissioner in Kwara state, Alhaji Tajudeen Zulu-Oloje who is Babatunde's brother, said the hotelier miraculously escaped from his abductors but sustained gunshots injuries.

"He has been taken to a private hospital for treatment," he added.