

Terrorists kill driver, abduct travellers in Katsina

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Terrorists on Wednesday evening killed a commercial driver, identified simply as Bello, and abducted two travellers, Babangida Kachile, 56, and Halimat Shuaibu, 50, during an ambush along the Katsina/Jibia highway in Katsina State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the victims were plying the highway to connect their destinations when they ran into the siege the terrorists laid at Kadobe Village.

It was learnt that the incident which occurred at a portion of the highway around 5pm, threw motorists into a panic.

During the operation, the kidnappers allegedly shot Bello dead, but in a bid to escape, Kachile and Shuaibu, abandoned their vehicle and ran into a nearby bush.

The terrorists reportedly chased after the duo, apprehended them, and moved them to an undisclosed location.

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The commercial bus driver was said to have been shot and killed on the spot by the terrorists while Kachile and Shuaibu reportedly abandoned their vehicle and escaped into the bush before the terrorists swopped on them.

Contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Gambo Isah, who confirmed the incident, said a driver was killed, adding that two travellers were abducted by the kidnappers.

He said, “Yes, it is true. The terrorists were two in number and were firing shots indiscriminately. The two vehicles ran into them on the highway.

“The commercial driver was not that lucky as he was shot and killed by the terrorists. The two occupants of the private car abandoned their car and escaped into a nearby bush.

“Security operatives who arrived at the scene rescued other passengers who were inside the commercial bus but had escaped into the bush. They came out when they saw the security operatives and they escorted them away from the scene.”