

Terrorists invade Katsina community, police kill two

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The Katsina State Police Command has confirmed the killing of two suspected terrorists during a gun duel in the Kankia Local Government Area of the state.

PUNCH Metro gathered from residents that the terrorists, who were 11 in number, stormed the Kankia community around 2.30am and abducted some victims.

During the invasion, the police were alerted and the police team led by the Divisional Police Officer in the area, stormed the community, engaged the terrorists in a gun duel, and allegedly killed two suspects in the process.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Gambo Isah, confirmed the development in a statement on Monday.

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He said, "On Sunday, September 4, 2022, around 2.30am, a distress call was received that terrorists numbering 11 on motorcycles, armed with AK 47 rifles, attacked the residence of one Alhaji Ibrahim Tafashiya, 60, in the Kankia Local Government Area and abducted him to unknown destination.

“On receipt of the report, the DPO, Kankia Division, led a tactical unit to the area and blocked the hoodlums at Juga village. The team engaged the hoodlums in a fierce gun duel and successfully repelled them.

“The kidnapped victim was rescued unhurt. In the course of scanning the scene, two terrorists were neutralised and one of their operational motorcycles recovered. Investigation is ongoing.”

However, the PPRO also confirmed the arrest of a 58-year-old man, Abdulrazaq Ajibade, for allegedly possessing 185 parcels of dried leaves suspected to be Indian hemp.