

Two villagers killed as Katsina police battle terrorists

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TWO residents were killed on Wednesday when terrorists attacked Gidan Baushe, Gatakawa village, in the Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State.

The police, however, rescued 18 residents initially kidnapped by the terrorists.

The spokesman for the state police command, SP Gambo Isah, confirmed the incident in a statement on Thursday.

Isah revealed that the two victims were killed before the arrival of the police.

He said, "On October 12, 2022, around 1am, a distress call was received that terrorists in

their numbers on motorcycles shot sporadically with AK-47 rifles and attacked Baushe, Gatakawa village, Kankara Local Government Area. On receipt of the report, DPO, Kankara division, led tactical units to the area and engaged the hoodlums in a fierce gun duel. The team successfully repelled the terrorists from their heinous mission and rescued all the kidnapped victims.

"In the course of scanning the scene, five motorcycles and two cows were recovered. Sadly, two villagers were killed and one was injured by the terrorists. It is feared that many terrorists were neutralised and/or escaped the scene with gunshot wounds. Investigation is ongoing."