

Gunmen attack bus in Kogi, abduct three, kill one

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File photo: Masked gunmen

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The Kogi state Vigilante Services has announced the abduction of three passengers of an 18-seater Toyota bus at Aku village along Okene/Lokoja Federal highway, Adavi local government area, Kogi state.

The incident was said to have occurred on Monday, between 15:00 to 15:15 hours.

A statement issued on Monday by the Controller-General, Kogi State Vigilante Service, Ibrahim Omeiza Sani, said “some armed men, suspected to be Fulani bandits in military camouflage, attacked an 18-seater Toyota bus with registration number Benue DAP 325 LG.

“In a swift response, the KSVS Osara Command and six (6) brave local hunters, engaged the kidnappers in a gun duel.”

He said,” Although the suspects escaped into the forest with three (3) kidnapped passengers, the bus driver and three (3) others were rescued from the scene.

“However, during the mayhem, a bystander hit by a stray bullet died.”

He said that the state Vigilante Service is actively gathering intelligence to enhance quick tracking of the kidnappers for a possible crackdown and release of the victims.

The Controller-General commended the gallantry of his men and the hunters.

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He also gave kudos to the governor, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododol for his unwavering commitment to prioritise security across all nooks and crannies of the state.

The CG also extolled Jerry Omodara, the State Security Adviser for his efforts and continual identification with KSVS in the overall resolve to ensure a safer Kogi State.

He further directed his personnel to redouble efforts and pursue all criminal elements, including kidnappers to apprehend and bring them to face the law.

The vigilante boss once again reiterated his unalloyed commitment to collaborate with all other security agencies in the state towards curtailing insecurity to the barest minimum.

Additionally, he admonished members of the public to remain security conscious, vigilant and report all suspicious activities and movements to law enforcement agencies.

PUNCH Online had reported earlier that the District Head of Bagaji Odo in Omala Local Government Area of Kogi State, David Akpa, who was abducted on September 1, 2025, has regained his freedom.