

Gunmen kill 3, injure many, abduct ex-SSG's family, 3 others in Taraba, Katsina

From **Sylvanus Viashima**, Jalingo

At least one person was reportedly killed and several others injured when gunmen kidnapped the family of former Secretary to the Taraba State Government, Gibson Timothy Kataps.

Taraba State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Usman Abdullahi, said the incident occurred around Jamtari Gayam, in Gashaka LGA of the state.

Abdullahi said that the family was on their way to Jalingo from Gembu after the Yuletide break when they ran into the gunmen.

He said the gunmen went away with the children after they killed a villager and injured some persons, including the police officer who was escorting the family.

Abdullahi, however, stated that the police were on the trail of the kidnappers and were working hard to ensure the safe return of the victims.

Chairman of Gashaka LGA, Mr. Paul Dogoh, who also confirmed the development, said he would convene a security meeting to appraise the security situation, especially in the area

under contention and ensure that the victims are rescued; the criminals apprehended and dealt with.

Daily Sun reports that this incident has taken a lot of

Wike donates N30m to families of slain police officers

From **Tony John**, Port Harcourt

RIVERS State Governor, Nyesom Wike, yesterday, donated N30 million to the families of three police officers of the state police command who died in the line of duty in 2021.

The deceased officers, Police Inspectors Isaac Isodje, Saviour Udeh and Ebenezer Edward, who served under Diobu Division of the Rivers State Command, were killed by gunmen during a stop-and-search patrol in November, last year.

Presenting the cheques on behalf of the governor to members of deceased officers' families, the Commissioner for Information and Communications, Paulinus Nsirim, said the gesture was Governor Wike's demonstration of his commitment to ensure that the families of policemen who lost their lives in the course of serving the state

people by surprise as the incidents of kidnapping had reduced drastically in the state in the last few months and no major issue was recorded during the holidays, except

for pockets of armed robberies.

In a separate incident, gunmen suspected to be bandits on Tuesday night, attacked Makurdi community in

Malumfashi LGA of Katsina State, killing two people, while a woman and her two children were abducted.

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were not left in misery.

Nsirim expressed: "This is a token of love from Governor Nyesom Wike to the families. Though money cannot replace a life, but it is a way of showing love to all officers and men who serve in Rivers State that the State Government will always be behind them no matter the situation they find themselves.

"So, the amount here is a token of love from the governor as a man who has the milk of human kindness and compassion to cushion the impact of this great loss."

Accompanied by his colleague in the Ministry of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Mrs. Inime Aguma, Nsirim, said the governor recognised the value of service the police render to the State and conveyed the condolences of Wike to the State Police Command and the bereaved families.

He prayed God to grant the bereaved the fortitude to bear

the loss.

Commissioner of Police, Rivers State Command, Mr. Ebuka Friday, described Wike's monetary presentation to the families of the fallen officers as an uncommon gesture of encouragement in the country.

He expressed the gratitude of the command to the governor whom he said kept to his promise after he hinted

him about the death of the officers.

He said that two of the officers were killed while carrying out a stop and search operation in Diobu area of the State capital on November 2, last year, while the third officer was killed on November 9, last year, while on an operation to apprehend the killers of the two officers.

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LASG gives conditions for reopening Downen College

By **Gabriel Dike**

LESS than 24 hours after the legal advice from the Director Public Prosecutions (DPP), Lagos State Government, yesterday, gave the management of Downen College, Lekki, Lagos, conditions to be met before the school will be reopened for academic activities.

The conditions were stated in a statement signed by the Assistant Director, Public Affairs, Lagos State Ministry of Education, Mr. Ganiu Lawal, titled "Downen College: Aftermath of DPP advice, ministry of education directs school to fix administrative lapses, set to review boarding school guidelines."

The statement, which was

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