

Terrorists kill 5, abduct scores in Niger

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Minna

BARELY three days after military repelled an attack on its Barracks at New Bussa in Borgu Local Government Area of Niger State by some terrorists suspected to be members of dreaded Boko Haram, no fewer than five members of the local hunters have been killed by gunmen.

The terrorists also abducted scores of travelers at Garin Gabas in Rafi Local Government Area.

The latest incident occurred yesterday afternoon when the terrorists were said to have ambushed the hunters who were responding to a distress call after the terrorists had blocked the ever busy Minna-Kontagora highway.

The unspecified number of abducted travelers were those travelling to Kontagora from Minna, the state capital.

A local source close told Daily Sun on telephone that the terrorists came in over 40 motorcycles and took over the highway.

According to our source, the

number of passengers abducted could not be ascertained as over five vehicles were stopped and its passengers taken away.

Aside ambushing local hunters, the terrorists overpowered them due to their numbers and the sophistication of their weapons. Many of the hunters were equally injured during the attack.

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THE African Union (AU) has kickstarted a process to ensure a fully-funded standby force to tackle the rising cases of terrorism and violent extremism on the African continent.

The move was disclosed in Abuja during the commencement of a three-day inaugural Lessons Learned Forum on African Union Peace Support Operation and African Standby Force.

The standby force which will be independent of outside