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Jigawa Speaker's wife: 4 kidnap suspects killed in gun duel

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The police in Dutse, Jigawa State, have confirmed that all the four suspects, arrested over the attempted abduction of the wife of the Speaker of the Jigawa State House of Assembly, Hajiya Halima Adamu Ahmad, in her home in Sarawa village, have died.

The state Police Commissioner, Alhaji Abdullahi Fana, who announced the demise of the suspects, said the deceased include Alhaji Ali Zaria from Kaduna State, Alhaji Usman Jumare Gumel from Jigawa State, Mr. Ferdinand Rufus of Adise village, Akuku Local Government Area of Rivers State and Mr. Sunny Leke also from Rivers State.

The suspects, he stated, had abandoned their motorcycle and ran into the bush where they were engaged in a gun duel with the police, adding that they were overpowered by his men who eventually arrested them with serious injuries.

He said Ali Zaria and Usman Jumare Gumel died on Monday evening on their way to the hospital while the remaining two Ferdinand and Sunny died on Tuesday afternoon while receiving treatment at the hospital.

He recalled that on Monday, June 7, 2010, at about 10.15 am, a report was received that the wife of the Speaker of the Jigawa State House of Assembly, Honourable Adamu Ahmed Sarawa had been kidnapped, adding that upon the receipt of the information, his men proceeded to the scene immediately, only to be told on arrival, that the suspects had escaped on a motorcycle towards Katagum Road in Bauchi State. They were chased and eventually arrested after a gun battle.

He disclosed that one AK47, two magazines, 57 rounds of live ammunition and a total cash of N160, 000 were recovered from the suspects.

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