

Gunmen kidnap 6, kill one in Zamfara

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No fewer than six people, who are merchants, were reported to have been kidnapped, while the driver of the commercial vehicle conveying them was killed by gunmen, who mounted road blocks along Dansadau-Gusau Road, the state capital.

While narrating their experience about the

incident that occurred on Monday, two of the men identified simply as Lawali Mai Shinkafi and Malam Nuhu Bela, who luckily escaped told New Telegraph that they (merchants) were traveling in two buses from Dansadau to Gusau when some armed bandits who blocked the road ordered the drivers to stop.

"But one of the drivers was shut by the armed bandits as he tried to es-

cape, and when the vehicle stopped, the hoodlums dragged two women out of the vehicle to the forest," they said.

Bela added: "It was a terrible situation as the armed bandits were selecting some of us to alight from the vehicles that were dragged into the forest with them. I was lucky to have escaped. They selected only two men, but who instantly paid their ransom and

they asked everybody to return into the bus and allowed the driver of the other bus who did not argue with them to go."

In a similar development, a farmer identified as Sarki Dan Agwai said, another group of gunmen attacked two long vehicle drivers along Dansadau Road and were taken to kidnappers camp for ransom, while their vehicles were left by the roadside.

Another commercial

vehicle was also reported to have been attacked by another group along the same road during which they kidnapped two of the passengers.

When contacted for comments, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the state Police Command, DSP Shehu Muhammad, confirmed the incidence, saying only two people were reported to have been kidnapped, and that they were already rescued by the police who currently cordoned off the area apparently to arrest the perpetrators.