

Gunmen kill two policemen, civilian in Kaduna



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Gunmen suspected to be armed robbers yesterday killed two policemen and a civilian in Kaduna metropolis.

About five other policemen were critically injured in the attack, which occurred on the IBBI premises, said to have been taken over recently by the Nigerian Breweries on the Nnamdi Azikiwe bypass, Kaduna. It was learnt that the incident occurred about 5a.m. on Wednesday.

But the police confirmed the incident and disclosed that a manhunt for the gunmen was on in Kaduna metropolis and environs.

The injured policemen were said to be receiving treatment at the St Gerald Catholic Hospital, Kakuri in Kaduna.

The gunmen, according to some of the people around the area, stormed the vicinity and started shooting sporadically into the air while some aimed at the policemen positioned towards the main gate of the company.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Yakubu Sabo Abubakar, said in a statement made available to journalists in Kaduna that investigations had commenced.

The PPRO promised that perpetrators would be brought to book.

He said: "Today (yesterday), about 5.25a.m., some armed men attacked our policemen who were on foot patrol on Nnamdi Azikiwe Expressway by IBBI Company in Kakuri area of Kaduna.

"After a fierce gun duel, two of our men and a civilian driver were killed.

"Five other policemen sustained gun injuries and are receiving treatment at a hospital in Kaduna.

"No arm was taken away by the attackers due to the repelling gun power of our men. Some of the attackers escaped with gun injuries.

"They quickly retreated and fled the scene. Detectives have been mobilised to the area with a view to track down the fleeing killers and

bring them to justice.

““The commissioner of Police Kaduna State Command is saddened by the ugly incident and vowed to bring the perpetrators to book.

“The police commissioner also sympathises with the families of the gallant officers who laid their lives for their country and pray for the repose of their souls.

“We are investigating the incident and the command will update the public in due course.”