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Nigeria: Robbers Kill School Principal, Rob Commissioner

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Sokoto — A gang of dare-devil armed robbers yesterday killed the Principal of Government Day Secondary School, Bargaja, in Isa Local Government Council, Alhaji Mannir Ibrahim, along Marnona-Isa road, Sokoto.

THISDAY checks revealed that the hoodlums blocked the road at the Gundumi area and opened fire at his vehicle when his driver refused to stop.

THISDAY learnt that the principal died instantly, while the robbers also injured three people, who are currently receiving treatment at Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto.

Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Mamman Tsafe, who confirmed the incident, said the hoodlums robbed 15 vehicles, including that of the Commissioner for Water Resources.

The remains of the principal was deposited at the Isa General Hospital, and had been released for burial, yesterday.

He said the commissioner left the scene unhurt, but lost an undisclosed amount of money, while his police orderly also lost his service pistol.

Tsafe said, "we are currently investigating the whereabouts of the criminals and they will soon be apprehended and brought to book.

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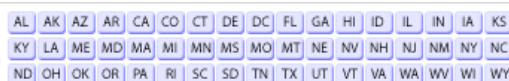
"Due to the precarious situation at the moment, there is the need for an aerial patrol of that forest, as it has been one of our black spots," Tsafe said and appealed to council chairmen of Rabah, Wurno, Goronyo and Isa, who jointly own the forest, to assist the Police with adequate funds and logistics for sustained patrol, adding that vigilante groups need to be adequately supported to curb the ugly trend.

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