

Bandits Kill Three Police Officers, Burn Patrol Vehicle in Kaduna

John Shiklam in Kaduna

Three policemen were reportedly killed yesterday in an ambush by unknown gunmen along the Birnin-Gwari - Kaduna road.

Their patrol vehicle was also burnt by the hoodlums.

THISDAY gathered that the policemen were said to be on patrol when they were ambushed.

A statement by the Birnin-Gwari Vanguard for Security and Good Governance quoted eyewitnesses as saying that the incident occurred near Labi village, Birnin-Gwari Local Government Area (LGA).

The statement signed by the Chairman of Birnin-Gwari Vanguard for Security and Good Governance, Ibrahim Abubakar Nagwari, also expressed condolences of the people of the area to the family of the dead policemen.

"On behalf of the entire people

of Birnin-Gwari and our association Birnin-Gwari Vanguard for Security and Good Governance, we extend our heart-felt condolences to the their families and the Nigerian Police Force for this irreparable loss. We equally like to commend all security agencies for the difficult task of uprooting acts of terrorism, armed banditry and Kidnapping along Birnin-Gwari-Kaduna highways as well as Birnin-Gwari-Funtua road and indeed the Kamuku Forest.

"We are calling on all peace-loving people of Birnin-Gwari to assist the security agencies to unmask all evil elements across our territory and also give accurate information on all hideouts of these criminals" the statement added.

Efforts to get the reaction of the spokesman of the Kaduna State Police Command, Mr. Mukhtar Aliyu, to speak on the incident were unsuccessful as he could not be reached on phone.