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Police Kill Two Bandits, Rescue 20 Kidnap Victims in Kaduna

John Shiklam in Kaduna

The Kaduna State Police Command has rescued 20 people abducted by gunmen along the Kaduna Zaria road.

The victims were abducted on different occasions.

In a statement issued last night in Kaduna, the state police spokesman, Mr. Yakubu Sabo, said eight people were rescued in a kidnapping incident that occurred along the Kaduna - Zaria road yesterday, while two of the bandits were killed.

Sabo also disclosed that three staff of Airtel Communication were abducted on Tuesday in

Maidaro village, Giwa LGA of Kaduna State, adding that in the course of freeing the Airtel staff, nine people who were abducted during last week during an attack on the Emir of Potiskum, were also rescued unhurt.

He said those abducted yesterday were passengers travelling from Kano to Abuja in a Sharon bus, which was blocked by the bandits along the Zaria - Kaduna road.

The statement reads: "On 22/1/2020 at about 0030hrs, the Command received a distress call through DPO Mararraban Jos that, some

unknown armed bandits blocked the Kaduna-Zaria express highway and abducted eight persons from a Sharon bus on their way from Kano to Abuja namely: Aisha Umar, Samira Ibrahim Dakata, Safiya Idris, Hauwa Aliyu, Aisha Yakubu, Ma'aru Adam, Safiya Audu and Yahaya Bello respectively all of Kano State.

"On receipt of the information, the Command mobilised teams of operatives with some Armored Personnel Carrier (APCs) vehicles to the area, engaged the attackers, successfully gunned down two of the bandits and rescued all the eight victims unhurt while many other bandits escaped with bullet wounds.

"The Command is still on the trail of the hoodlums with a view to apprehending and bringing them to face justice.

"In another separate incidence, on 21/1/2020 at about 0600hrs, the Command received a distress call from good Samaritans through DPO Kidandan in Giwa LGA that, some bandits invaded Maidaro village and kidnapped three workers of Airtel Communication Company.

"The command quickly mobilised operatives to the scene, engaged the hoodlums in a fierce gun duel and

successfully rescued all the three workers unhurt namely: Henry Agim, Kamal Raman and Shegun Adejimon.

"While, on manhunt of the fleeing bandits, our operatives also intercepted nine other captives who were passengers of the Morcopolo luxurious bus that was attacked along Kaduna- Zaria Road on 14/01/2020 alongside the convoy of the Emir of Potiskum at foundation village.

"The victims are identified as; Abdulhafiz Wakil, Abdul Wasiru Jimmoh, Mujittaba, Hajara Usman, Emmanuel Dimka, Dahiru Isa and three others who were debriefed by the CP and supported to be reunited with their respective families.

"The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Umar M. Muri sincerely appreciates the cooperation of the local communities recently by helping the command to overcome the current security challenges in the State and enjoins the general public to continue to support the Police to enable the command sustain the win in the battle.

"The CP assures the good people of the State that the Command is resolute in its collective resolve to reduce crime to the barest minimum".