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Gunmen kill two children in Zamfara, injure mother

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Unknown gunmen numbering over 40 yesterday, killed two children of a Health Officer, in Maru area of Faru town, Maradun Local Government Area of Zamfara State, Mallam Nasiru Maccido Maradun.

The mother of the deceased children also sustained serious injuries in an attempt to save their lives.

Sources told Saturday Vanguard that before the killing of the two children, the gunmen had gone into the nearby police station in the area to search for policemen who they claimed had been disturbing them each time they came out to operate in the area without success.

Armed with dangerous weapons, they started making loud noise to wake everybody from sleep before chasing their owners out of their buildings and setting them ablaze.

However, the two children were said to have been killed when their father whose house was adjacent to the police station tried to escape from the area following the commotion that erupted when the gunmen entered the station. When the hoodlums sighted them, they opened fire on the kids.

However, their mother was said to have escaped death narrowly, and was now receiving treatment in hospital. An eye witness told Saturday Vanguard that the gunmen were on a reprisal attack, following the killing of five of their members by the police recently.

However, another source said that they invaded the police station with the aim of rescuing their members not knowing that they were not being detained in the station.

The Zamfara State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Lawal Abdullahi confirmed the incident, saying that the police in the state were currently working round the clock to arrest the culprits.

“We are investigating the matter with a view to arresting the perpetrators of the dastardly act. Whoever that was behind

it will be exposed and brought to book,” Lawal added

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