

One killed as bandits attack commissioner's convoy in Zamfara

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● 26 Katsina women rescued from bandits in Zamfara

THE convoy of Zamfara State Commissioner of Security and Home Affairs, Abubakar Dauran, has been attacked by bandits killing a driver while the commissioner escaped unhurt.

This came as Governor Aminu Masari of Katsina State, said 26 women from Faskari Local Government Area had been rescued from bandits in a Zamfara forest,

saying: "The women were kidnapped at Dan-Aaaji village in Faskari LGA of Katsina State six days ago.

Meanwhile, the Zamfara commissioner's convoy was said to have been attacked while coming from Katsina State where he handed over the 26 kidnapped minors rescued by Zamfara State government to the Katsina State government.

When contacted, the state police command confirmed the attack.

In a statement, the police

spokesman, Mohammed Shehu, said the convoy was caught in a crossfire by two bandit groups.

According to him, "The government delegation led by the Commissioner of Security and Home Affairs, Hon. Abubakar Dauran was caught in crossfire between two warring bandits groups at Dogon Karfi, GidanJaji, along Zurmi - Jibiya road, in Zurmi Local Government area of Zamfara State," he said.

However, Governor Masari,

while receiving the women rescued by the Zamfara government led by the Commissioner for Security and Home Affairs, Alhaji Abubakar Dauran at the Government house, said the state government would not enter into any negotiation with armed bandits who had refused to lay down their arms.

"The Katsina government is ready to negotiate with any bandit who hands over his AK 47 and other weapons in his custody," he said.