

Five soldiers, policeman killed in Zamfara ambush

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Illustration image: Gunmen

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Five soldiers and a police officer were reportedly killed on Monday when suspected bandits ambushed security personnel near Kekun village in the Bungudu Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

A security officer, speaking on the condition of anonymity, stated that the victims were intercepted while traveling to Gusau following a field operation.

He said, “The bandits who were hiding along the road immediately opened fire when a team of security personnel were passing along the road.

“This led to the killing of five soldiers and a police officer instantly while others sustained serious injuries and were taken the Yariman Bakura specialist hospital for treatment.

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“As I am talking to you now, the injured officers and the bodies of the deceased were taken to Yariman Bakura Specialist Hospital in Gusau.

“The wounded are currently receiving treatment while the corpses are deposited at the hospital morgue,” he said.

Efforts by our correspondent to view the remains or visit the wounded were unsuccessful, as hospital personnel denied access to the wards and the morgue.

When contacted for comment, spokesperson for the North-West Joint Task Force (Operation Fansan Yamma), Captain David Adewusi, stated that he had yet to receive a formal briefing on the incident.