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The Petroleum Tanker Drivers Association has alleged frequent killing of their members by bandits who the drivers say also steal the petroleum products they carry for sale at black market prices.

The chairman of the association in Niger state, Alhaji Huassaini Muhammad, who raised the alarm in an interview with Daily Trust yesterday, described the trend as alarming, adding that it had greatly affected the supply chain.

He said within the last five months, five of tanker drivers were murdered, their products diverted and sold, and the vehicles abandoned.

He said in two instances, the remains of the victims were not found.

He said the assailants took advantage of particularly the black spots around Mokwa-Mekira-Tegina and Mokwa Lambata, among others.

He said because of the development, the body had reached an agreement with sister unions like National Association of Transport Owners (NARTO) and Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of

Nigeria (IPMAN) to ensure that movements of tanker drivers were restricted as from 6pm.