

6 killed, 600 displaced as bandits attack Niger communities

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Six people have been reportedly killed as armed bandits attacked and raid Shiroro and Rafi local government areas in Niger state.

The incident according to information gathered by our correspondent occurred between 10am and about 12 noon yesterday.

The attack in Shiroro Local Government Area, claimed five people who were reportedly killed with five others injured,

while in Madaka of Rafi Local Government Area, the bandits killed one person with many others injured.

It was also learnt that about 50 heavily armed bandits carried out the attack on motorbikes.

According to a source close to Manta community, the bandits on arrival surrounded the town before unleashing terror. Over 600 hundred people, mostly women have been displaced from manta community and are currently taking refuge at Bosso Primary Schools in Minna, the

state capital.

Local vigilantes were said to have tried to dislodge the rampaging bandits but abandoned the chase when they noticed a helicopter hovering in the air in the area.

"We beat a retreat when we saw the helicopter because we were afraid that they may take us for the bandits and bombard us," one of the vigilantes said.

It was learnt that the attack was simultaneously carried out, leaving the security helpless.