

# Soldiers ambushed, killed in Katsina

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An unspecified number of soldiers were feared killed as gunmen laid ambush and launched an attack on Thursday afternoon on a military post in Marina, Safana Local Government Area of Katsina State.

The soldiers were said to be returning from an operation in nearby forests when they were ambushed.

A resident said, "Unknown to the soldiers, the bandits had laid ambush in their outpost. The bandits

opened fire immediately the soldiers returned to the post.

"It is unfortunate because the soldiers were just returning from another operation where they had made tremendous success, combing the forests for the bandits, only to be waylaid in their base."

Another resident said two of the bandits were also killed by the soldiers.

Attempts to confirm the incident from the military or the police authorities proved abortive.