

2 Bandits kill 2 policemen, 3 others in Sokoto

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The police have confirmed the killing of two of their men by bandits at Bargaja village in Isa Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

The police spokesman in the state, ASP Sanusi Abubakar, who confirmed the death of the policemen, however, said the information at his disposal was still "very

scanty." He promised to provide details later.

Another account also revealed that three residents of the area lost their lives during the attack.

The bandits were said to have attacked the area Monday night.

"They shot three of our men working in their farms at the outskirts of the village.

When we heard gunshots we quickly notified the nearby mobile policemen, who came to our rescue.

"When they came, they engaged the bandits in a shootout, which resulted to the death of two policemen. We don't know whether the bandits also suffered casualties because they don't leave their dead bodies behind," a source said.