

# Bandits who killed 13 soldiers, 5 cops in Kebbi rode over 200 bikes – Witness

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**T**he bandits, who gunned down 13 soldiers in Kebbi State on Tuesday, rode on over 200 motorcycles, according to a resident.

*Daily Trust* had reported the attack, which the state government confirmed to Minister of Foreign Affairs, Geoffrey Onyeama, who visited

Kebbi over an earlier attack.

In an interview with AFP, Musa Arzika, a resident who said 13 soldiers were killed, added that the attackers came on “around 200 motorcycles riding three on each” and laid siege to the village.

AFP quoted another source as saying five policemen and a vigilante were also killed in the incident.

The battle was said to have erupted late Tuesday in Kanya, a village in Danko-Wasagu district, just a day after 63 members of a self-defence militia, Yan-Sa-Kai, were ambushed and killed by bandits in Zuru Emirate of Kebbi State.

The massacre was reported to have taken place in the wee hours of Monday in Sakaba Local Government Area while

the Yan-Sa-Kai were on their way for an attack on the bandits.

Hundreds of gunmen invaded Kanya, engaging a combined military and police detachment in a three-hour gunfight, the source and residents said.

“The death toll stands at 19. They include 13 soldiers, five policemen and one vigilante,” a security personnel, who did not want to be

identified, told AFP.

He said eight other security personnel, including four soldiers, were hospitalised with wounds.

“It was an intense fight that lasted more than three hours. The terrorists had the upper hand because of their sheer number.”

Military and police did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the incident.