

One killed as bandits ambush onion traders in Sokoto

From Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

One person was killed and six others injured when bandits fired gunshots at a truck conveying onions traders and their commodity along Sokoto-Goronyo road on Sunday.

The traders were on their way to the southern parts of the country after making bulk purchases at Goronyo Sunday market in Sokoto State.

Confirming the attack, the Chairman of Goronyo Local Government Area, Abdulwahab Goronyo, said the bandits ambushed the traders along Kwanan Danjira, which is five kilometers from Sokoto.

“They used fire woods to block their ways around 9pm and the

truck ran over it and fell.

“The bandits also opened fire on the truck, killing one trader while six others sustained gunshot injuries and are currently receiving treatment at a medical facility in Goronyo,” he said.

He said the bandits also abducted some of the traders, whose identities are yet to be ascertained.

According to him, the bandits had rustled several animals at Yardole village.

He expressed worry over the activities of informants in the area, saying the bandits stormed the areas shortly after military returned from their routine patrol in the area.

“Informants have been our major problem. Until we deal with them, banditry will continue to thrive in our areas.