

# Bandits kill DPO, 2 cops, 4 others in Niger

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**A**t least seven security operatives, including the Divisional Police Officer in charge of Nasko, Magama LGA of Niger State, CSP Umar Dakin-Gari, were killed by bandits yesterday.

The gunmen, who attempted to launch an attack on Nasko, were engaged by the security operatives, comprising the police, military and local vigilantes.

## ● kill 4 cops in Kebbi factory

The Police Public Relations Officer in Niger State, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, who confirmed the incident said the DPO, two other policemen, and four vigilante members lost their lives in the gun battle which occurred around 1pm.

“Police operatives with vigilante members were immediately mobilised by DPO Nasko to engage the bandits in a fierce gun battle in which some of the hoodlums were neutralised and others escaped

with gunshot wounds.

“Unfortunately, during the gun battle, the DPO, two other policemen, and four vigilante members lost their lives,” he said.

Abiodun said the area commander in Kotangora had deployed reinforcements with the military personnel in the area to forestall breakdown of law and order.

He said the command condoled with the families of officers and vigilante members

who lost their lives in the unfortunate incident, while reassuring members of the public that the command would not relent in its effort to curb banditry in the state.

2 Also yesterday, bandits killed four policemen when they invaded a tomato processing company, GBFoods Africa, in Gafara Village, Ngaski LGA of Kebbi State.

During the gun exchange, a resident was also killed, bringing the number of the dead to five.

The police spokesman in Kebbi State, DSP Nafiu Abubakar, said

the bandits numbering about 500 stormed the company from the neighbouring Niger State.

He said the bandits invaded the company while targeting the expatriates working at the company when the police engaged them, adding that both sides suffered casualties.

He said he could not ascertain the number of casualties on the side of the bandits as they usually evacuate their dead colleagues.

Abubakar said more policemen had been deployed to the area to restore peace.