

# **12 bandits killed in attempted attack on Kaduna airport – Military**

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The military authorities have said that 12 of the bandits, who attempted to attack Kaduna International Airport on Saturday, were killed.

Briefing journalists yesterday at the scene of the attack, Garrison Command 1 Division Nigerian Army, Brig General Uriah Opuene said bandits dare not attack the airport because the facility is very secure.

Commenting on the killing of an official of the National Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), he said the incident happened six kilometers away from the

terminal and outside the airport parameter fence.

The Garrison commander said there are several layers of security at the airport and that, bandits could not have dared to attack it.

“As you can see, this place is about six kilometers from the airport terminal. The bandits were only passing behind the airport parameter fence when they saw the security man engaged by NAMA and they fired at him. They just took advantage of that to pass the wrong message that they have attacked the airport.

“There are several layers of security at the airport; this is the first layer and

even this first layer was not breached, because, from the moment of hearing that shot, it took our men just about three minutes to get here from the next layer of security.

“On arrival, the bandits were already running away, so we engaged them through the use of ground forces. Then we called for airstrike and a helicopter was deployed and from the air report, about 12 of the bandits were killed,” he said.

Also speaking, the NAF Base Commander said security around the airport general area had been beefed up since the security of the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) was breached last year.