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## Police kill 7 bandits in Niger

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The police in collaboration with vigilantes and hunters have reportedly

killed seven bandits in Mariga Local Government Area of Niger State.

Daily Trust gathered that two vigilantes sustained bullet wounds and were taken to Kontagora General <u>H</u>ospital for medical attention.

The Police Public Relations Officer in Niger State, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed this to our correspondent.

He said the security operatives received intelligence that the bandits terrorising farmers within Kumbashi district of Mariga LGA were sighted in Kumbashi town.

"Police tactical teams and local vigilante/hunters stationed at Kumbashi town engaged the bandits in a shootout, and seven of the hoodlums were neutralized while others escaped into the forest with gunshot injuries.

"Unfortunately, two members of the vigilante group sustained bullet wounds and were taken to Kontagora Gen. Hospital for treatment," the PPRO added.