

2 soldiers, 2 vigilantes killed in Plateau

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Bandits on Tuesday ambushed a joint team of soldiers and vigilantes near Dogon Ruwa community in the Bashar district of Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State, killing at least two soldiers and two vigilantes.

Residents of the area said the assailants also carted away the soldiers' rifles.

They told Daily Trust that the incident occurred in the wee hours

while the security team was trailing the bandits following an attempted attack in the area.

Abdullahi Yakubu, the traditional leader of Safiyo, under whose domain Dogon Ruwa falls, confirmed the incident. He condemned the attack, saying the victims were caught off guard.

Narrating the event, he said, "There was a report that the bandits were planning to attack Dogon Ruwa, and the people quickly alerted the security forces, who promptly mobilised to the reported

location.

"Unknown to them, the bandits had already laid an ambush and opened fire, resulting in the deaths of two soldiers and two vigilantes."

Another resident, Ibrahim Sale, told our correspondent the attack sparked fear among residents of Dogon Ruwa and neighbouring communities.

At press time, Operation Safe Haven spokesperson Major Samson Zhakom had yet to respond to a request for comments on the incident.