

Niger: Armed bandits kill pregnant woman, four others, abduct 50

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Armed bandits have killed a six-month pregnant woman and four others, and abducted 50 people, leaving many injured in Rafi Local Council of Niger State.

The Guardian learnt that the bandits stormed the community shooting sporadically, but their attack was repelled by military on aerial patrol, who engaged them in gun duel.

The bandits, who were unable to withstand the fierce aerial battle, took to their heels but not without abducting 50 people, mostly women and children.

Confirming the incident, the state Commissioner for Internal Security and Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Emmanuel Umar, said that the real number of casualties is yet to be ascertained.

Meanwhile, residents have expressed fear over their safety during the governorship and House of Assembly elections fixed for Saturday