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It was a bloody Monday in Lafia, the capital city of Nasarawa state, when a gang of heavily robbers attacked traders who were on there way to Assakio Monday market, killing two and injuring many in the process.

Daily Independent gathered that the robbers trailed two 18 seater buses, with registration number DN 330 PHC and UMA 265 XA conveying traders from Abia State to the market at about 4am while some positioned themselves at a strategic location around Conoil, located about a 100 meters around Lafia central police station, and opened fire.

It was further gathered that the traders who mostly, come from the East usually have a stop over at Conoil filling station before proceeding to the market in the early hours of Monday.

Mallam Ibrahim Abubakar, a trader at Makurdi park, close to the station, said the two people that were shot tried to resist and the robbers grew angry and shot them.

According to him, the operation lasted for over one hour before security operatives arrived and many people sustained injuries during the escape bid of the bandits who snatched a large sum of money from the traders.

The bandits were also said to have shot indiscriminately while they escaped in two black Golf cars. All efforts to speak with the police authority concerning the matter proved abortive as the commissioner of police or the PPRO could not be reached as at press time.

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