

Bandit Strike Local Markets, Kill 4, Lose One Member



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MINNA – Suspected armed bandits have continued their onslaught and incursion into parts of Niger state as they lately launched an attack on two local markets, Daja and Mangun villages, killing at least four persons and also losing one of their own members to the villagers.

The advancing suspected terrorist group from Niger-North senatorial district, riding on motorcycles and wielding AK 47 rifles, our correspondent learnt invaded the local

market late Monday afternoon when most of the traders were about rounding up for the days' business.

It was further gathered that the gun men acting on a tip off had stormed the village market and went straight to the resident of a local produce merchant simply identified as, Baira, but unfortunately for them met his absence.



Angered by missing their target, the bandits were said to have made their way into the busy market as it was the local market day and started shooting indiscriminately to scare away traders, including visiting traders before embarking on a looting spree.

While many of the traders scampered for safety, two people hit by the bullets died as a result of injuries sustained from gun shots before help could come their way, a resident of the area told daily Independent.

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The bandits were said to have in a commando like manner fled towards to Mangun village but unfortunately were way-laid by the vigilantes at Daja who on getting wind of the attack in their

neighbourhood quickly mobilized and in the confrontation one of the bandits was killed.

Local vigilantes confronted the bandits as they made their way to escape through Daja, but unfortunately lost two of their fighters while the bandits also lost one of their own to the villagers before disappearing into the nearby forest.

Chairman of the Niger State Emergency Management Agency (NSEMA), Alhaji Ibrahim Tanko Inga who confirmed the attack to journalists said his agency was informed of the attack yesterday (Tuesday).



Meanwhile, efforts to confirm the attack from the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Abiodun Waisu, as at the time of filing this report failed to yield desired results as he refused to pick repeated calls.

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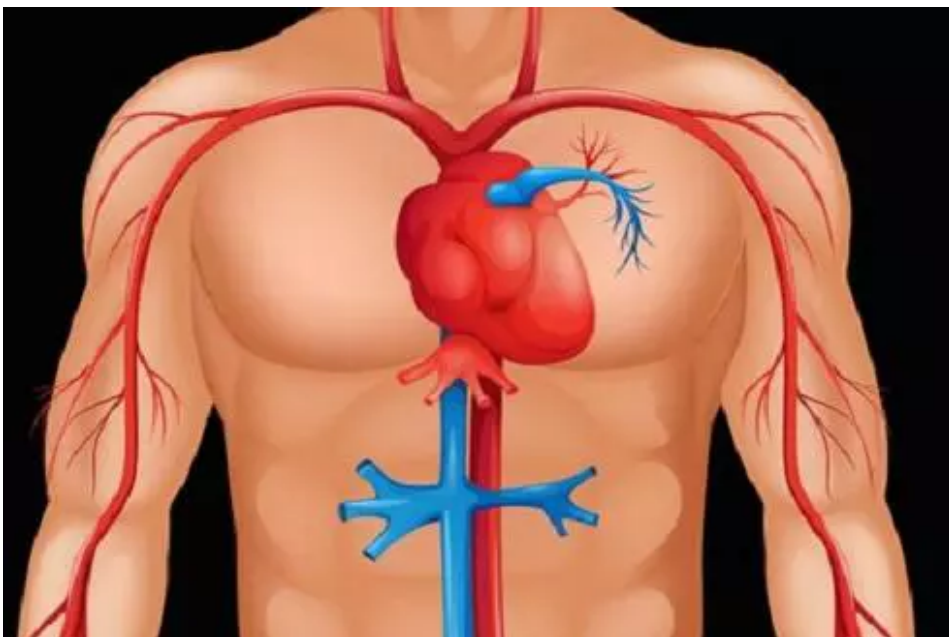
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