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## Three soldiers, two bandits killed in Niger shootout

**B**ANDITS who attacked a community in Niger State have met a resistance by troops but in the shootout, three soldiers were killed while two of the attackers were gunned down.

A Chinese said to be a construction worker in the area was abducted by the fleeing assailants.

The shootout took place on

### • Chinese abducted

From Justina Asishana,  
Minna

Monday in Libale community in Magama local government area, *The Nation* learnt.

A military source said troops and other security agents were combing the mountains to which the bandits fled with the

Chinese.

Governor Abubakar Sani Bello yesterday confirmed the killing of three soldiers after holding an emergency security meeting at Government House, Minna, the state capital.

He said the bodies of two bandits were recovered by the soldiers, adding that there will

be more bandits affected in the shootout between the soldiers and bandits.

"Three Soldiers were killed by bandits and our security men are trailing them. I can assure you that they will be arrested soon. Some of the Bandits were killed as two bodies have been recovered so far."