## Bandits kill seven NSCDC personnel in Kaduna



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Seven personnel of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) were on Monday ambushed and killed by bandits in Kaduna State, the Corps announced yesterday.

A statement by the Corps spokesperson, Olusola Odumosu, said the victims were killed with five other officers of a sister security agency and local security service.

The personnel, who were attached to the Kaduna State Ministry of Mines, died while on duty at the Kuriga mining site in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of the state.

He said: "After the attack, the bandits carted away riffles of the slain operatives. The bodies have been recovered and deposited at the Barau Diko Hospital, Kaduna.

"The Commandant General, Ahmed Audi, described the incident as a big loss to the Corps, families of the victims and the country.

"In honour of the slain personnel, the Commandant-General has directed that the Corps' flag be hoisted at half-mast and that a national prayer, involving both faiths, be held at the Corps National headquarters, Abuja, to seek God's protection for all officers and men of the Corps and avert a recurrence."