

# ① Four military men, four vigilantes killed in Niger

**F**OUR military men and four members of a vigilante group have been killed in a terrorists' ambush in Niger State.

The military personnel comprising an army major and three soldiers were returning to retrieve the bodies of some vigilantes from where they had earlier engaged the terrorists, and fell into the ambush.

The incident happened on Wednesday evening at Igu village in Munya local govern-

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ment area of the state, it was said.

①⑤ Barely 24 hours earlier, terrorists invaded some communities in Paikoro and Munya local government areas, killing three people, and abducting about 70 persons.

It was learned that the gunmen were burying their dead when the soldiers returned to the scene and were overpowered by the terrorists.

One soldier managed to escape, it was said.

Majority of those abducted on Tuesday were reportedly still with their captors, while some were released after their family members coughed out between N10,000 and N20,000 in new notes, The Nation was told.

Two patrol vehicles belonging to the Joint Security Taskforce were discovered to have been vandalized by the gunmen with the windscreens and tyres destroyed with bullets.

The Niger state Commissioner for Internal Security and Humanitarian Affairs, Emmanuel Umar said that there have been series of attacks in the state but he will get the details and issue a statement later.

Deputy Director, Army Public Relations of the Training and Doctrine Command Nigeria Army in Minna did not respond to his calls or messages.

Neither did the police spokesman.