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20 gunmen invade FRSC office, kill official in Zamfara

GUNMEN, on (FRSC) in Zamfara State, gunmen, numbering 20, personnel. Thursday, in killing an official, a witness stormed the premises of "There was confusion as invaded the Tsafe told the News Agency of Ni- the command on motorcy- sounds of sporadic gunshots command of the geria (NAN). cles at about 10.00 a.m. and rent the air while the road safety officials around scam-

Federal Road Safety Corps The source said the

opened fire on the FRSC

pered for safety in different directions.

"However, one of the officials was unlucky as he was shot and killed by the attackers," the source said.

According to him, one of the gunmen was killed by soldiers who quickly mobilised to the scene while the rest escaped into the bush abandoning their motorcycles.

The FRSC Public Education Officer and Spokesman, Mr Bisi Kazeem, confirmed the incident.

"It is true that our command in Tsafe, Zamfara State, was attacked this morning.

"A Deputy Route Commander of the FRSC was

killed by the hood while other staff escaped with one still missing, zeem told NAN.

He said the police army had taken over matter.

According to him, Corps Marshal, Dr B Oyeyemi, has condemned the attack but sued for among officials and the eral public.

"He is confident that the police and the army bring the perpetrator justice.

"The corps marshal also reassured officers men of the corps of the curity and safety anywhere in the country."

7 members of same family die of food poisoning in Niger

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Seven members of the same family in Anaba village, Magama Local Government Area of Niger State on Monday, died as a result of food poisoning.

Disclosing this in a statement made available to the *Nigerian Tribune* on Thursday, the image-maker of the state police command, DSP Babalola Adewole, said men of the Nasko Division of the command received distress calls from some neigh-

bours that one Abubakar Hassan of Yola Fulani Camp in Anaba village and seven members of his family were vomiting blood.

"On receipt of the information, police detectives attached to the division rushed to the location and took the victims to Medical Centre in Magama for medical attention," Adewole said in the statement.

The dead seven family members included four females and three males.

Adewole, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) listed the victims to include Fatima Abubakar, Zainab Abubakar, Aisha Abubakar, Aminatu Kirwa, Haruna Leggi, Faruk Godi and Aliyu Abubakar.

But the family head, Malam Abubakar Hassan, survived the incident, according to the statement, and was said to be currently recuperating at the medical centre the victims were rushed to for treatment, while the remains of the deceased had been buried in

accordance with Islamic rites.

The command's spokesman said that preliminary investigation into the matter indicated that the cause of death was the chemical used in preserving the guinea corn flour used for the dinner.

"Findings so far show that the cause of death was food poisoning, apparently from the chemical used in preserving the guinea corn, which flour was used for dinner," the statement concluded.