

Bandits kill one, raze military camp in Niger

BANDITS have attacked a military base in the Zazzaga community in Munya Local Government Area of Niger State, Channels Television has reported.

One civilian, identified as Jacob Auta, was killed and a military vehicle was stolen during the attack, which took place at about 4:00 pm on Wednesday.

Eyewitnesses said the gunmen, numbering about 100, stormed the area on motorcycles and shot sporadically at the camp.

The camp was razed and some military vehicles were also burnt during the attack.

Although the soldiers were able to repel the attack, their properties were burnt by the bandits.

A youth leader in the area, Usman Babangida, told Channels Television that there was an exchange of fire between the military and the bandits, which lasted for over an hour.

Some of the bandits were

said to have been killed in the attack and their bodies taken away by their colleagues.

"Some of their men were killed by the military, but they packed them and left them in one of the military vehicles," Babangida said.

The camp was set up by the military in 2017 following incessant attacks in the area.

The latest attack on the military comes barely two weeks after bandits killed five soldiers, personnel of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and a civilian in an attack in a military base located at Bassa community in Shiroro Local Government Area of the state.

Ten persons were kidnapped with seven motorcycles stolen and military vehicles burnt down in the attack carried out weeks ago in communities including Allawa, Manta, Gurmana, Bassa and Kokki all in Shiroro council.