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MEN of the Niger State police command have killed a suspect said to be specialised in supplying information to bandits and three of his suspected collaborators during a gun duel in Dogon Fadama in Kontagora Local Government Area of the state

## Police kill bandits' informant, 3 others in gun duel in Niger

*Saturday Tribune* gathered that the principal suspect, Buba Baromi, was gunned down in his hideout inside Damba Forest on Tuesday while the three other suspected criminals fell to police bullets on Monday.

Baromi was reported to have been taken unawares in his hideout where he was

recuperating from a gunshot injury he had sustained during a previous encounter with security operatives.

A source told *Saturday Tribune* that the police anti-banditry team was led to his hideout by local hunters.

The source stated that the deceased not only served as an informant to bandits but

he was also involved in leading the hoodlums to areas that were targeted for attacks and kidnapping of people for ransom.

"He led bandits to rustle cattle and attack communities in Dogon Fadama. During such attacks, many innocent lives were lost," the source said.

According to the source, Baromi actively participated in the series of attacks unleashed on communities in the said area last month.

The source said that it was while one of the attacks was being repelled by security agents that the deceased escaped with the gunshot wound for which he was

being treated in his hideout where he was eventually killed.

His corpse was said to have been deposited in a hospital in Kontagora Local Government Area.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Wasiu Abiodun, could not be reached for comment as of press time.

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