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## Niger gov confirms death of two soldiers during bandits' attack on Kagara

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GOVERNOR Abubakar Sani Bello of Niger State has confirmed the death of two soldiers during a recent attack on Kagara, in Rafi Local Government Area of the state by bandits.

Governor Bello revealed this when he paid a visit to 12 of the injured soldiers receiving treatment at the Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (IBB) Specialist Hospital in Minna, the state capital.

Speaking to newsmen, the governor said the injured

soldiers were already responding to treatment and would be on their feet in no distant time.

The governor, who expressed sadness over the situation, said some of the injured soldiers had been taken to Kaduna for medical

attention.

He added that the bandits also suffered heavy losses, although there was no exact casualty figure.

The governor maintained that the bandits have an alliance with terrorists, considering their increasing num-

ber and the way they plan and carry out their attacks.

He also raised concern over some rural communities that, for fear of attack, harbour bandits in their midsts, warning that such situation would not last for long.

"Very soon, we will tag residents of those communities as bandits. If you are harbouring bandits and you know, you are one of them, even if you don't carry gun, because you are risking the lives of our security agents," he said.