

Terrorists invade Niger market, kill trader, kidnap others

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UNEASY calm now reigns at Chibani community in Munya local government area of Niger State, following an attack on a rural market on Friday afternoon by suspected bandits that led to the killing of one trader, while several others were allegedly ab-

ducted to away location in the forest.

After the attack on Chibani market, terrorists also reportedly invaded Maraban-Daudu community, also in Munya Local Government where unspecified number of residents were kidnapped.

An insider source in the area, who identified him-

self as Shehu Abubak informed our correspondent in an interview by telephone that the miscreants launched the attack around 12:00 noon when the market was in full swing and carried out the operation for about three hours, shooting sporadically into the air to force traders to abandon their

wares.

Sunday Tribune further learnt that during the ensuing melee the suspected armed bandits allegedly carted away some food items after scaring traders away."

The source added that right now "we don't know where many traders are hiding because they have

not started retuning up till now," stressing that goods were destroyed apart from the ones stolen by the bandits.

Sunday Tribune investigation revealed that in the past one week, bandits were said to have resorted to burgling commercial stalls, stealing food stuffs from rural communities in

parts of the State.

Specifically, it was further gathered that between last Monday and Tuesday, several shops were said to have been burgled in Zazzaga, a community in Munya local government area of the state where foodstuffs valued at several thousands of naira were allegedly stolen in large quantities.