

Bandits ambush soldiers, kill one, injure others in Plateau

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ON Saturday, bandits terrorising Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State reportedly ambushed security operatives in the area, killing one and injuring others.

The local government area, for quite some time, has been under the siege of bandits who killed residents at random, sacked several villages and frustrated farming activities.

A competent and reliable source close to the local government revealed that the bandits ambushed the security operatives at a mining community, Zurak Kampani on Saturday at about 10:00 am.

The source disclosed that though the security men repelled the bandits, however, the bandits succeeded in killing one of the security men while a few others sustained injuries adding that the bandits as well escaped with various degrees of gunshot wounds.

Also, a miner in the community who spoke with Sunday Tribune on condition of anonymity said the bandits who came in their large number swooped on the security men deployed to secure a local market against attack by bandits.

He stated that farmers in many villages in the local government have abandoned their farms due to constant attacks by the bandits, adding that this may lead to food shortage this year, with the local govern-

ment being one of the food baskets of the state.

"There is the need for more deployment of security operatives to this local government area, the attack is becoming unbearable. Most of the forests around us have been taken over by the bandits," he said.

When contacted, the Media Officer of the Operations Safe Haven (OPSH) Major Ishaku Takwa, who confirmed the ambush said no soldier was killed in the incident.