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Bandits attack Immigration officials, kill one, injure two in Jigawa

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SUSPECTED bandits on Tuesday attacked a patrol team of the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) patrolling Maigatari road in Jigawa State, which leads to the Niger Republic.

It was gathered that an operative of the NIS was killed during the attack, while two others were injured.

The bandits were said to be five in number and operated on two motorcycles.

Speaking with newsmen in Dutse, the Jigawa State capital, on Wednesday, the state comptroller of Immigration, ACG Isma'ila Abba Aliyu,

said the incident occurred at about 11:20p.m. on Tuesday at Galadi-Birniwa, a border village in Birniwa Local Government Area.

Aliyu explained that the bandits, who drove on two motorcycles, took his men unawares.

He said the bandits stormed the patrol base with the two motorcycles, with one having three persons on it, while the other had two persons.

"Upon arrival, they opened fire on the immigration staff on patrol, which resulted in the death of one of them, while another two members of the team sustained serious

gunshot wounds," he said.

The NIS boss said apart from the three personnel attacked, three others on the team managed to escape before engaging the criminals.

"However, as result of heavy exchange of fire, the bandits fled into the bush and abandoned their motorcycles and a handset (Techno T5)

"The mobile phone has been handed over to the state police command for further investigation," he said.

Aliyu said the bandits were from the Niger Republic, describing the village as the route being frequently used by bandits in recent past.