

Soldiers kill bandits' leader in Niger

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BANDITS, in the early hours of Monday, attacked a military base in Tegna, in Rafi Local Government Area of Niger State.

It was gathered that troops, who were at alert, responded to the attack by the bandits, killing the gang's leader, while two soldiers sustained gunshot injuries.

It was further gathered that the bandits were moving towards Mashegu and Wushishi local government areas of the state to rustle cattle when they attacked the

military base.

Chairman of Rafi Local Government Area, Alhaji Ayuba Usman Katako, confirmed the development when he spoke with the *Nigerian Tribune* through the telephone.

Katako said: "The two soldiers shot are responding to treatment at the IBB Specialised Hospital in Minna, while one of the bandits, suspected to be the leader, was neutralised."

The military cantonment in Minna could not be reached for comments as of the time of filing in this report.