

Gunmen kill four soldiers in Sokoto

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GUNMEN suspected to be bandits, on Saturday, ambushed troops of the Nigerian Army in Gudu Local Government Area, a border community in Sokoto State, killing four soldiers in the process. The Sole Administrator of the council area, Honourable Umar MaiKano Balle, confirmed this to the *Nigerian Tribune* in a telephone conversation. Balle, who happens to be among those ambushed, escaped the assault by the whis-

kers after troops engaged the bandits in a gun duel.

He said: "So far, four soldiers have died and seven others wounded, while their vehicles were set ablaze.

"About six to seven soldiers sustained injuries as a result of the attack.

"The injured security per-

sonnel were initially attended to at Gudu General Hospital before they were referred to the Usmanu Danfodiyo Teaching Hospital, Sokoto, on Sunday"

The council boss said the bandits also set ablaze two operational vehicles of the troops.

It was further gathered that

more security personnel were immediately deployed in the area following the attack.

Efforts to get the reaction of the state government were not successful as the Special Adviser on Security Matters to the Governor, Colonel Ahmed Usman (retd), could not be reached as of the time

of filing in this report.

Efforts to speak with authorities of the Nigerian Army, 8 Division, were also not successful, but a source in the Division confirmed the development, adding that only the Army headquarters in Abuja could speak on the incident.

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