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# Three killed as bandits invade Niger LGs

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Bandits on Wednesday killed three persons and injured many others in the Shiroro and Rafi Local Government Areas of Niger State.

The attack occurred between 10am and about noon on Wednesday in the Shiroro council where two persons were killed. In Madaka, in the Rafi LGA, the bandits killed one person.

It was learnt that the attack in Manta was reportedly carried out by armed people on motorcycles.

Our correspondent gathered that in Manta community, local vigilantes, who tried to dislodge the rampaging bandits, abandoned the chase when they observed a helicopter hovering in the air.

One of them said, “We beat a retreat when we saw the helicopter because we were afraid that they may mistake us for the bandits and target us.”

Checks revealed that over 600 people, mostly women had been displaced from Manta community and were taking refuge at primary schools in Minna.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed the attacks.

Abiodun also said in Rafi, 11 persons were kidnapped, three rescued, adding that the police and other security agencies had intensified effort to rescue the remaining nine people.