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Police kill six bandits in Niger gun battle

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THE Niger State Police Command on Saturday killed six bandits during a gun battle in Garkogo, Shiroro Local Government Area of the state.

A number of the bandits were also said to have also escaped with bullet wound, leaving behind their motorcycles.

The bandits were said to have launched attacks on some

villages around Garkogo, but met their Waterloo in the hands of the riot policemen stationed at Garkogo town, who had laid ambush for them on receiving information about their operation.

The bandits were said to have shot and killed a villager before the policemen engaged them in gun battle around 3.30am.

A source said, "This is a

major success recorded by the joint security task force in the state in the fight against bandits and other criminal elements; it is coming barely three weeks after five soldiers and one policeman were killed in Allawa by bandits."

Although the police had yet to issue any statement on the gun battle, the source said four of the bandits were killed on the spot, while bodies of two others were later recovered from a farm.