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Bandits attack military base, kill soldiers, others, burn vehicles

Adeniyi Olugbemi, Sokoto

SUSPECTED bandits have skilled unspecified members of a joint patrol team when they attacked Burkusuma camp, a joint military base in Sabon Birni Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

The attack in the early hours of Friday was confirmed to our The PUNCH by villagers, who escaped to the state capital.

According to sources, the bandits stormed the camp in large numbers and began shooting at the place sporadically.

Though the number of army casualties could not be confirmed, three of the Nigeria

Security and Civil Defence Corps were confirmed to be among the casualties.

The bandits also burnt down two patrol vehicles and drove away another one which was used to convey food items stolen from the surrounding villages.

It was learnt that, the bandits also attacked Katsira village, shot four persons and abducted

NBA condemns lawyers' courtroom fight in Gombe

Chima Azubuike, Gombe

A Gombe-based lawyer identified as MK Gurumyen, who sustained bruises after a fight with a colleague, John Yuwa, in a Magistrate's Court, Tumfure, on

three others from the village.

Two of the victims were said to have died instantly while the remaining two are receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital.

The state Commissioner for Carriers and Security Matters, Colonel Garba Moyi (retd.), who also confirmed the attack on the military base, however, said he

was not sure of the number of casualties.

Spokesman for the 8 Division of the Nigerian Army, Major Yahaya Ngulde, could not be reached for comment as of the time of filing this report.

On his part, Sanusi Abubakar, Sokoto Police Command PPRO, said he was not aware of the attacks.

Gurumyen said he was not in town.

He said, "I'm busy now. I'm not in town now; when I get back, I will get back to you. We will discuss it. I'm on medication now."

when the fight occurred.

NBA stated partly, "They were before the court for a pending criminal case filed by our learned colleague, Yakubu Chidama, and others as complainants against the Management of JED Plc, Gombe