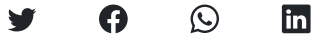


Attack on security agents: Death toll rises, Niger keeps mum

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Map of Niger state

The number of security operatives killed by suspected bandits in Niger State has increased with more bodies reportedly discovered in the bush.

The convener of Concerned Shiroro Youths of Niger State, Sani Kokki, who stated this on Sunday, revealed that the bodies were discovered by locals.

“Yesterday (Saturday) evening, the dead body of a mobile policeman was also discovered by a passerby,” he added.

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PUNCH Metro had earlier reported that scores of soldiers, policemen and civilians were feared killed after bandits attacked a mining site on Wednesday.

Kokki, while giving an update, said the death toll had risen to 48.

He claimed that the deceased were 34 soldiers, eight mobile policemen and six civilians.