

Bandits attack Niger immigration checkpoint, kill two

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The Nigeria Police Force, Sokoto State Command, has confirmed an attack by bandits on an immigration checkpoint in the Gwadabawa Local Government Area of the state on Friday night.

The spokesman for the command, Ahmad Rufa'i, confirmed this in a phone conversation with our correspondent on Sunday.

He confirmed that gunmen, suspected to be bandits, attacked the Mamman Suka village immigration checkpoint in the Gwadabawa LGA, killing two officers of the Nigeria Immigration Service.

He said, "Gunmen, suspected to be bandits, attacked the Mamman Suka village checkpoint of Gwadabawa Local Government Area of the state and killed two immigration officers while some of them who sustained gunshots injuries were rushed to the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital Sokoto."

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The police spokesman, however, said immigration officers dispossessed the bandits of five rifles.

A driver, who is an eyewitness but pleaded anonymity, also confirmed the attack, saying the gunmen abducted some immigration officers.

Confirming the attack, the Public Relations Officer of the NIS, Illela Border Command, Bello Mohammed, said, "We are currently in the hospital with the wounded; I will give you a call later."

When called again, Mohammed said, "We are sorting out things to know the degree of the attack and the number of casualties."