

One killed as Sokoto vigilantes repel bandit attack

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A violent gun battle between local vigilantes and bandits in Kware town, Sokoto State, on Saturday night left one person dead and caused significant destruction.

According to eyewitnesses, the bandits, believed to have been targeting the area for theft, invaded Kware, the headquarters of Kware Local Government Area, under the cover of darkness.

The assailants successfully stole a large sum of money from a prominent businessman, Dan Balgore, after targeting his unattended car.

Bello Mai Maciji, a member of the local vigilante group, shared that the attackers seemed to have prior knowledge of Balgore’s movements, knowing he was carrying cash in his vehicle.

Tragically, during the exchange of gunfire, a young man, known for selling oil and residing in Alhaji Muddaha’s compound, was struck and killed by gunfire.

Despite being outgunned, the vigilantes successfully repelled the bandits, forcing them to retreat.

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However, before fleeing, the assailants set fire to a shop in the local market, although the fire was quickly controlled and did not spread further.

The attackers then moved towards the town’s outskirts along Tangaza road, where they set fire to a water borehole near a cemetery, further damaging the area.

The heavily armed bandits, who arrived on motorcycles in large numbers, are suspected to have come from the Bararrahe area under the Tangaza Local Government.

The community remains on edge, with local security groups continuing to monitor the situation.

Attempts to reach the spokesman for the Nigerian Police Force, Sokoto State Command, were unsuccessful at the time of filing this report.