

Gunmen raid police station in Niger, kill 3 cops

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THREE policemen were shot dead by a gang of yet-to-be identified armed men who invaded the Dikko police out station under Gawo Babangida Division in Gurara Local Government Area of Niger State on Sunday.

This is coming less than 48 hours after an army officer and 11 soldiers were killed by hoodlums who attacked them at three locations in the state, during which three operational vehicles were torched and two others vandalized.

Checks revealed that in the latest incident which occurred at about 9.30pm Sunday, two Inspectors of police and a Sergeant were felled by the ferocious bullets of the invaders, who also reportedly carted away two Ak-47 riffles with 60 rounds of ammunition and one revolver pistol.

The slain cops were identified as Inspector Auta Kpetu, Inspector Dangada Damlong, and Sergeant Dahiru Rabo, all of whom were said to be on duty among others when the armed men suddenly invaded the station in a commando-style and pumped bullets on them.