

# Bandits storm Kaduna market, kill seven traders

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At least seven people were killed when gunmen invaded a market in the Southern part of Kaduna State.

The attack took place at a local market at Maro village in Kajuru Local Government Area.

It was learnt that the attack occurred on Wednesday about 6p.m. when the bandits shot at those that were remaining in the area.

The traders were said to be preparing to close for the day's business when the bandits, dressed in military camouflage, arrived and opened fire at them.

Many of the traders took to their heels in different directions, but those who were unable to escape were killed.

The President of the Adara Youth Congress (AYC), Mr. Peter Joshua, said the bandits came in a vehicle and were dressed in military uniform.

Joshua said nobody suspected that they were killers because soldiers used to come to the market on patrol every market day.

He said: "They came to the market about 6p.m. when people were closing their businesses for the day. They came in a vehicle and they were dressed in camouflage.

"Normally, every market day, soldiers come to the market on patrol. So when they arrived, people thought they were the normal soldiers on patrol to protect the market against attacks.

“But suddenly, they opened fire and started shooting those on sight. Seven people were killed on the spot while several others were injured.”

The Kaduna State Police Command was yet to react to the incident.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Muhammad Jalige, could not be reached on his phone.

On Tuesday, bandits killed 21 people, among them 11 members of the same family, at Balali village in Giwa Local Government Area of the state.

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