

# Many feared dead as aircraft bombs Niger community

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**U**nconfirmed number of local vigilante men including their commander have been killed and several injured in an explosion that rocked Galadima-kogo in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State yesterday evening.

This is coming less than a year after four officers of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) were killed in a bomb blast

in the same community.

Eyewitnesses account have it that the incident occurred when a yet to be identified aircraft bombed the camp of the vigilante group.

Confirming the incident, the State Commissioner for Internal Security and Humanitarian Affairs, Mr Emmanuel Umar, said he didn't know for now how many people have been killed.

Umar said the state government was battling with the survivors and injured and how to restore peace to the community.

One of the eyewitnesses

told our Correspondent that, "it is the vigilante men killed that have been protecting us against these bandits now we are at the mercy of the gunmen.

"What I know is that two hillux van have evacuated the dead from the camp."

Another eyewitness said the vigilante men were being prepared for a counter operation against bandits who raided the community on Monday during which they kidnapped several villagers and made away with large number of cattle.