

# Bandits, soldiers, vigilantes killed in Niger



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Scores of bandits have been killed in a gun duel with security personnel that lasted for over two hours in Shiroro Local Government Area. It was gathered that an unspecified number of soldiers and vigilante members were also killed after the bandits stormed Kukuru.

It was reliably gathered that the bandits had been attacking the communities for the past three days and in the process killed several people. Military Joint Task Force of Allawa and Erenna along with some vigilante members in Shiroro swung into action and engaged the bandits on the Allawa axis. This led to casualties from both sides. Also, it was alleged that during the encounter, the bandits abducted several people.

Some of the villagers, who spoke on condition of anonymity, called on governments at all levels to redouble efforts at defeating banditry in Nigeria. As at the time of filing this report, efforts to get the Police Public Relations Commissioner of Homeland Security, Garba Abdullahi Mohammed (Rtd) to confirm the story were not successful.