

Bandits Kill Army Officer, Three Soldiers, Others in Niger

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A senior army officer, three soldiers and civilians were reportedly killed by bandits in Sarkinpawa, the headquarters of Munya Local Government Area of Niger State.

The incident occurred in Gwarm village of the LGA yesterday evening.

According to a report from the area, the soldiers who were on routine patrol, ran into an ambush by the bandits, which led to their untimely death.

It was gathered that the bandits, who were many in number, invaded the villages around SarkinPawa clutching AK 47 rifles and started shooting sporadically. In the process, the soldiers and some civilians were killed.

"They came on several motorcycles; the motorcycles were many all of them had AK 47 rifles" the eyewitness told THISDAY on phone.

The remains of the slain soldiers were initially brought to the Sarkinpawa Police Station before they were taken to an unknown place the eyewitness said.

When contacted, the Munya LGA Chairman, Alhaji Garba Mohammed confirmed the story.