

Bandits kill 2 Immigration officers in Katsina

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TWO personnel of Nigeria Immigration Service, NIS, Umar Bagadaza Kankara and Lauwali Dutse, were, yesterday, killed by suspected bandits at Kadobe checkpoint along Jibia road in Katsina State.

A reliable source in the Immigration office, who confirmed the killing of the two officers, said they were killed at their duty post at Kadode checkpoint.

The source added that the corpses of the officers were being taken to their various families for burial rites.

The source said: "Kadode village is the only village the bandits have found difficult to penetrate. So for them to

penetrate the village and rustle the villagers' cattle, they have to attack our men at the checkpoint.

"Unfortunately, residents in the area said they had earlier in the day spotted strange movement but failed to inform the relevant authorities leading to the ugly incident.

"In the process, there was an exchange of gunfire. They killed two of our men and we also killed many of the bandits and several others fled with injuries in the gun battle.

"An army officer in the re-enforcement team was also injured and currently receiving treatment.

"As we speak, the corpse of the officers killed were being conveyed to their various families for the funeral rites," the source said.