

Gunmen kill 4 soldiers in Sokoto

●As council sole administrator escapes

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SOKOTO— The sole Administrator of Gudu Local Government Area of Sokoto State, Umar Balle has on Saturday escaped death after suspected gunmen lay ambush on their convoy while on routine patrol with security personnel in the area.

The gunmen suspected to be bandits in a cross border attack, ambushed and shot dead four soldiers in Gudu.

It will be recalled that a similar attack was last week carried out in which eight people were killed, including five members of the state community guards with over 1260 livestock rustled by the attackers.

The council Sole Administrator, while confirming the attack said, it was only God that saved.

The Army personnel engaged the gunmen in a Gun battle which resulted in the death of four soldiers with some of the attackers neutralized.

He said: "Aside death of the four soldiers, seven others sustained bullet wounds during the shootout in addition to burning down of their vehicle by bandits."

The injured security personnel according to the sole administrator are currently receiving treatment at Gudu General Hospital and were expected to be referred to Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto.

The bandits also set ablaze two security personnel operational vehicles.

More security personnel were, however, drafted to the area as a result of the constant cross border attacks by the gunmen.

Many local expressed sadness over the incidents, noting that the attack on the chairman of the council and his convoy of security personnel was as a result of their hard work and dedication in the fight against banditry and criminal activities in the area.