

Sokoto: Police Neutralise Three Suspected Bandits

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[Operatives of the Sokoto State Police Command](#) have neutralised three suspected bandits and recovered one AK-47 rifle and ammunition in Bodinga Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

The operation was carried out in line with directives of the Inspector-General of Police, IGP Olatunji Rilwan Disu, to sustain the fight against violent crime nationwide and checkmate banditry in the state.

The Command further stated that the success was achieved through swift mobilisation, professional engagement, and the subsequent neutralisation of the three suspected bandits, with the recovery of their weapon and ammunition.

The operation, according to the police, has significantly degraded criminal capabilities in Bodinga LGA and its environs.

In a decisive response to a distress call, operatives of the Violent Crime Response Unit (VCRU) and the Anti-Kidnapping Unit successfully repelled an armed bandit attack on Bodinga Village, Bodinga Local Government Area, late Wednesday night.

At about 23:00 hours on June 10, 2026, a distress call was received reporting that a large number of armed bandits wielding sophisticated weapons were attacking the village.

In immediate reaction, the joint team was mobilised to the scene.

Upon arrival, operatives engaged the hoodlums in a fierce gun duel that lasted for some time.

The superior firepower and tactical advantage of the security forces overwhelmed the bandits, forcing them to retreat into the nearby forest with gunshot wounds.

A thorough search of the bushes and immediate vicinity led to the discovery of three neutralised bandits. Recovered from the suspects was one AK-47 rifle and a magazine containing 25 rounds of live ammunition.

No civilian or security personnel casualties were recorded during the operation.

A confidence-building patrol is currently ongoing in the area to ensure the safety of residents and prevent further threats.

Meanwhile, all neighbouring divisions have been placed on high alert and directed to be on the lookout for any injured hoodlums fleeing the scene.

The Commissioner of Police, Sokoto State Command, CP Hayatu Hassan Shaffa, is appealing to members of the public, especially residents of Bodinga LGA and surrounding communities, to report any suspicious persons or individuals with gunshot wounds to the nearest security post.

Further updates will be provided as the situation develops, according to DSP Ahmad Rufai, PPRO of the Command.