

# Police kill Nigerian leader of 8-man armed gang

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AS they tackle cross-border insurgency, the Nigeria Police in Sokoto engaged in a gun battle with an 8-man armed robbery gang from Niger Republic killing the gang leader in the process.

The 30 minutes shootout with the gang took place in the early hour of Monday at Gundumi village forest on Isa-Goronyo road in Sokoto State.

Gundumi village is notorious for incursions and infiltration by bandits from Niger Republic who have been terrorising, robbing and maiming Nigerians in recent

times.

The late gang leader, Haliru Mamman who hails from Maradi, Niger republic died of fatal injuries from the shoot out.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police in the state, Kudu Nma who briefed journalists on the incident said three Nigerians were among the 8-man gang from Niger Republic who fled into the forest that has been described as dangerous zone and axis of evil.

Narrating the incident further, Deputy Commissioner of Police Kudu Nma said the bandits attempted to attack a serving Councillor in the

early hours when the victim escaped and reported to a team of police men who were on patrol of the axis.

According to Nma "our men under the leadership of an inspector with an improved armoured vehicle swung into action to the scene and engaged the bandits"

He explained that during the shoot out while the gang were running out of ammunition after sustaining injuries fled away and the police chased them only to find the gang leader laying with his AK 47 rifle with several wounds from the shootout and was arrested.