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Police kill inter-state gang leader in Niger

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According to the state Commissioner of Police Mr Mike Zuokumor, who spoke to journalists in Minna yesterday, the gang leader who hailed from Hurumi village in Ya'uri town of Kebbi State, had been robbing travelers along Niger and Kebbi roads. He said the late gang leader was noted for killing and maiming his victims on the highway, adding that he commanded a large number of robbers who often fearlessly engaged the police of both states in gun duels.

Mr Zuokumour stated that in one of such gun duels, an inspector attached to the Kebbi Police Command, Mr Ibrahim Iko, was killed by Gide's men in October last year.

"The gang leader who was identified as Jariri Gide has been terrorizing the people of Kebbi and Niger States. They killed an Inspector of police, taking away his police uniform and were using it to commit more atrocities", he said.

The commissioner of police also explained that having gathered intelligence report on the operations of the gang, they ambushed them in one of their operations which led to the death of its leaders and many other members of the gang. He said the police were presently on the trail of some members of the gang who got away, calling on persons with useful information on their whereabouts to give such information to get them arrested.

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