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Katsina — The Katsina State Police Command yesterday said that it has killed the leader of a notorious armed robbery gang, popularly known as Makaho.

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The gang, Daily Trust gathered has been terrorizing Kankara Local Government and its environs for years. It was also gathered that the robbers, who are six in number were operating along Kankara-Gora road when a team of policemen on a tip-off engaged them in a shoot-out resulting to the death of their leader.

Confirming the incident, the Deputy Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, ASP Shehu Koko Muhammad said the gang leader was killed while exchanging fire with the police.

"When our men got information about the activities of the robbers, they mobilised themselves to the scene and engaged the robbers in a gun battle," he said.

Muhammad added that Makaho was among those on their wanted list. The police spokesman confirmed that some other members of the gang sustained bullet wounds and that they have been searching for them. He said items recovered at the scene of the robbery include one double barrel gun and a Dane gun. The police image maker appealed to the public to report to the police any suspicious movement or persons.

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