## NSCDC officer killed as operatives rescue kidnapped persons in Sokoto

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An Assistant Inspector of the Nigeria Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Sokoto State Command, Nafi'u Wamakko, lost his life as joint security operatives rescued two persons who were kidnapped by suspected armed bandits in Sokoto.

The bandits were said to have raided Kursa-Gobirawa village in Rabah Local Government Area of the state on Friday, killed two villagers, abducted two and carted away some valuables. However, members of "Operation Harmony"-a joint security team comprising the police, Army, DSS and NSCDC, were said to have been alerted, resulting in a gun battle.

The spokesman of the Command, Hamza Illela told Daily Trust on Sunday that the Nafi'u who was a driver lost his life during the gun battle.

The state Commandant of NSCDC, Alhaji Babangida Abdullahi Dutsinma, while confirming the incident said some of the bandits escaped with gun shots and appealed to the public to report suspicious persons around their area.

He said that the two abductees were rescued while the stolen property were recovered.