Police Kill Armed Robber In Benin

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Operatives of the Edo State Police Command have killed a suspected armed robber during an operation in Benin, the Edo State capital.

Daily Trust gathered that armed robbers were carrying out an operation at the Temboga area of Benin when the police engaged them in a gun battle and in the process one of the robbers was killed.

The command's spokesperson, Chidi Nwanbuzor, confirmed the incident in a statement and said operatives of Ikpoba Hill Division in Benin received information that hoodlums were dispossessing people of their belongings at Temboga, along Ikpoba Slope, Benin City.

Nwanbuzor said the operatives of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) attached to the division moved to the scene and on arrival the robbers engaged them in an exchange of gunfire.

He said, "In the process, one of the armed robbers was hit by police bullet while others escaped with an Audi 80 saloon car, property of one Mr. Daniel Favour, which was later abandoned by the robbers.

In a related development, the Katsina State Police Command said it killed eight suspected bandits in Batsari Local Government Area of the state.

According to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), the command's spokesman, SP Gambo Isah, disclosed this in a statement on Saturday in Katsina, the state capital.

SP Isah said on August 6, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Batsari led operatives of Operation Puff Adder to Zamfarawa village based on a report that bandits numbering over 40, armed with AK 47 rifles, attacked the village.

He said the bandits shot to death one Shafi'i Suleiman (65) and one Yakubu Idris (70), adding that they also rustled a number of cows.

According to him, the police team was ambushed by the bandits on their way to the village, and that the team responded and killed one of the bandits, while others escaped with gunshot wounds.

Isah further revealed that the team recovered 30 cows stolen from the village by the bandits.

He explained that on August 7, "Search parties led by the DPO and members of the community recovered additional seven corpses of the bandits who escaped with gunshot wounds at Barankada village, also in Batsari LGA."

Isah said police recovered N22,300, 13 empty shells of live ammunition of 7.62mm, as well as of charms and keys from the corpses.

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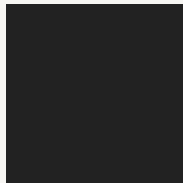
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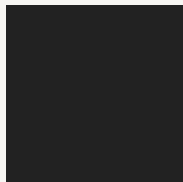
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