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15 bandits killed, 50 others arrested in Katsina

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The police in Katsina State yesterday said they have killed 15 bandits and arrested 50 others in its continued onslaught against banditry and other forms of criminality.

This was disclosed by the Commissioner of Police, CP Sanusi Buba, white parading suspects during the quarterly press briefing held at the police headquarters in Katsina.

CP Buba said the command also rescued 20 kidnap victims in the state. The suspects paraded included bandits, kidnappers, armed robbers, and cattle rustlers.

"During the period under review, the command recovered nine AK47 rifles, 20 locally made guns, two motor vehicles, 20 motorcycles, 220 rustled cows, and the sum N6.85 million from the suspected criminals.

"On the fight against the menace of rape bedeviling the state, a total of 140 suspected rapists were arrested in 87 reported cases, and all were charged to court.

"We are synergising with traditional and religious leaders and other relevant stakeholders, including parents, to ensure that the menace is brought to the barest minimum," he said.

He further stated that on August 20, 2020, the command succeeded in arresting one Abdullahi Sani, 30, of Dungu-Yankara village, Faskari LGA of Katsina State, a member of a notorious camp of Adamu Alieru Na-Yankuzu, that had been terrorising Faskari, Sabuwa, Dandume, Kankara and Funtua LGAs of the state.

"In the course of the investigation, the suspect confessed to being a member of the said syndicate which has taken part in many attacks on Katsina State communities which include among others Kadisau village, Faskari LGA;

Yardoka village, Dandume and Kankara LGAs, where they robbed, killed, kidnapped and rustled animals.

"You will recall that Adamu Alieru Na-Yankuzo has been declared wanted by the command for various crimes against humanity in the state and N5m bounty placed on him," he said

Popular among those paraded were one Tukur Adamu alias 'Jamai Tiger', 48, of Illela Forest, Safana LGA, of Katsina State, including his biological son, as well as another bandits' gang leader, Rabe Abdullahi, alias 'Dogo Rabe', 30, of Kanbiri village, also of Safana LGA.

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