According to the state's Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, the operational feedback from security agents indicate that the bandits were killed by mob action.

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The report reads in part: "On 24th December 2020 at Fadan Karshi in Sanga local government area, two bandits attacked a businessman and dispossessed him of money and other valuables.

"On receiving the distress call, the military and police set out to the location.

"However, on getting to the scene, some angry locals had already mobbed the bandits and burnt them to ashes."