

# Police kill 2 bandits, rescue 8 kidnap victims in Katsina

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Katsina State Police Command has repelled bandits' attacks in two separate operations in which they killed two suspected bandits and rescued eight kidnapped persons.

This was contained in a press statement issued on Thursday by the command's spokesman, SP Gambo Isah.

The statement said the police first repelled an attack at Fuloti and Gandun Karfi villages, Malumfashi LGA, where one of the suspected bandits was killed, adding that one AK47 rifle, one Boxer motorcycle, 82 cows and 70 sheep were recovered during the operation.

"On 17/02/2022 at about 0040hrs, a distress call was received that terrorists in their numbers, armed with sophisticated weapons, including AK47 rifles, riding on motorbikes attacked Fuloti and Karfi villages, Malumfashi LGA, kidnapped women and rustled

domestic animals and were on their way into Kankara LGA.

"Consequently, DPO Kankara led a team of policemen and blocked the hoodlums at a spot near Zurunkutun, crossing the Kankara - Sheme road.

"The team succeeded and engaged the terrorists into a fierce gun duel and neutralized one of them, rescued four female victims and their babies, recovered one AK47 rifle, 82 cows and 70 sheep.

"Similarly, on Tuesday, 15/02/2022, at about 1850hrs, DPO Kankara led a team of policemen to Kankara - Zango Road, based on a report that terrorists have blocked the road and were extorting citizens of their belongings.

"The team succeeded in dislodging the hoodlums by engaging them in a fierce gun duel.

One terrorist was neutralized and one operational motorcycle, Boxer, unregistered belonging to the bandits was recovered," the statement said.