

Dogo Gide Kills 20 Boko Haram Fighters, Seizes Weapons

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Notorious bandit leader Dogo Gide has reportedly killed 20 suspected Boko Haram fighters in a village between Niger and Zamfara states, Daily Trust learnt.

The Boko Haram fighters allegedly foot-soldiers of a renowned Boko Haram leader, Sadiku, were said to have ambushed Dogo Gide in an attempt to eliminate him.

However, Gide and his fighters engaged them in a gun fight, thereby killing 20 of them and seizing a cache of weapons during the showdown.

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The fight happened at Kwatankoro Forest situated between Niger and Zamfara states.

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A recently surfaced video captured Gide's victory speech, where he displayed seized items, including ten AK-47 rifles, RPGs, mobile phones, and an identity card reportedly linked to Sadiku's faction. "Sadiku and his group ambushed us, but we prevailed. Only one of our men

was injured, while at least 20 of theirs were killed,” Gide declared, condemning the faction for attacking civilians under the guise of jihad.

The rivalry between Dogo Gide and Boko Haram factions highlights the shifting dynamics of extremist operations in the region, where personal vendettas and strategic motives drive conflict.

Reports had it that Gide’s animosity stemmed from the 2023 murder of his brother Sani allegedly by Boko Haram fighters, prompting him to sever ties with the group and vow revenge.

Gide has since focused his efforts on expelling Boko Haram elements from his territory, particularly in Niger State’s Shiroro Local Government Area, where he dismantled roadblocks set up by the group.

Daily Trust reports that recently Gide has called on displaced villagers to return to their respective homes, pledging to restore normalcy and earn community forgiveness.

It would be recalled that sometime in February 2024, at least five bandit leaders and scores of their foot soldiers were killed in a deadly inter-bandit clash in Yankuzo village, Tsafe Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

The bandits’ leaders allegedly killed in the fight are Dogo Bali, Dan Makaranta, Malam Gainaga, Mallam Tukur, and Malam Jaddi.

The clash was between the renowned bandits’ leader, Ado Aliero and two bandit leaders, Kachalla and Dogo Bali, who teamed up against the latter.

Daily Trust recalled that the fight erupted after Kachalla ignored a warning extended to him by Ado Aliero to desist from attacking villages around the Yankuzo area, an axis presumed to be Aliero’s territory.

The confrontations took place in Yankuzo, Yan waren Daji and Munhaye and Mada villages in Tsafe and Gusau local government areas of the state respectively.

Kachalla was said to have invited his friend Dogo Bali for an operation in the Yankuzo area and while they were busy operating, Aliero placed his men at a strategic place for an ambush attack and they killed scores of Kachalla and Bali's foot soldiers.

A source hinted Daily Trust that during the gun battle that lasted for several hours, Ado Aliero's group succeeded in killing many fighters, among them four prominent bandit leaders: Dogo Bali, Dan Makaranta, Malam Gainaga, Mallam Tukur, and Malam Jaddi.

Also, several other foot soldiers were injured during gun fights, the source added.

Aliero also attacked the camp of Alhaji Dan Nigeria, another notorious bandits' leader, in Yan Waren Daji, forcing him to abandon the camp and leave behind over 150 AK47 rifles.

The fight also escalated to other enclaves shortly after the news of Bali's death broke and led to eruption of clashes among followers of the three bandit leaders in Mada, Munhayе and Yanwaren Daji villages.

Daily Trust reports that a significant number of bandits' foot soldiers were killed in Dabar Gahori enclave when fighters of the three groups engaged in a gun battle.

Dabar Gahori is one of the biggest enclaves in Zamfara State that is hosting a chunk of bandits of different groups.