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Driver receives N2m reward for killing two bandits in Zamfara

A COMMERCIAL vehicle driver (name withheld), yesterday received N2 million cash as a reward from the Zamfara State government for killing two armed bandits last week.

Handing over the money on behalf of the state government in his office, the Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Alhaji Bello Dankande, said the gesture was in fulfilment of the governor's pledge to give N1 million on each AK 47 rifle seized from bandits.

The driver ran into the two bandits along Gidan Jaja/Gurbin Bore Road of Zurmi local government area of the state in the night. He said the incident happened when the bandits were attempting to cross the road with their rifles on

their shoulders killing them instantly.

Similarly, two other communities benefited from the same gesture of N1 million each having rounded two bandits, seized their guns and handed them over to the security agents. The commissioner said the two communities were Unguwan Mallamai in Maradun local government and Matuzgi in Talata-Mafara local government areas.

He restated the government's commitment to continue to give reward noting that "the state government is ready to give N100 million to any person or group that collects 100 AK 47 and we will continue to improve on the security of all

communities in the state."

He added that with the additional engagement of 500 youths from each of the 17 emirate councils of the state who were expected to complement the effort and work of conventional security agents, the days of the bandits were numbered in the state.