Police raid bandits in guest house, kill one in Kaduna

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Police in Kaduna has engaged a gang of bandits who were lodged in a hotel in a gun battle and killed one of them.

The operatives were reinforced by the men of Federal Intelligence Bureau and Special Tactical Squad Force headquarters, Abuja in the gun duel with the bandits.

Spokesperson of Kaduna Police Command, ASP Mohammed Jalige, disclosed this in a statement yesterday.

He said: "Operatives of the Kaduna Police Command in collaboration with the Federal Intelligence Bureau and Special Tactical Squad Force headquarters, Abuja on the directive of the Commissioner of Police, Mudassiru Abdullahi acted on credible intelligence and raided a facility known as Sir Joe Guest Inn located at N0.8 Sajo Street, Unguwan Maigero area of Sabon Tasha in Chikun Local Council of Kaduna State, where suspected bandits were said to have lodged.

"While the cautiously coordinated raid was ongoing, the suspected armed bandits on sensing danger, took to their heels shooting sporadically, leading to a gun duel with the operatives.

"One notorious bandit popularly called Yellow Magaji a.k.a Arushe was wounded in the shootout, whereas his equally notorious partner Yellow Ashana and others escaped with bullet wounds.

"The wounded bandit was thereafter taken to Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital for possible resuscitation in a bit to obtain useful information, but was confirmed dead on arrival by a medical doctor."

Jalige further pointed out that "after an extensive search of the scene, the operatives recovered one

AK47 rifle loaded with 23 rounds of 7.62 X 39mm live ammunition, 14 expended shells of the aforesaid ammunition and one Boxer motorcycle belonging to the bandits.

"The owner of the facility, who harbours the criminals, was equally arrested for questioning.

"It is significant to state that the neutralised bandit Yellow Magaji until his demise was among a syndicate of bandits terrorising Kaduna-Abuja highway of recent.

"The Commissioner of Police salutes the courage of the operatives and most importantly the source of the valid information. He urged other members of the public to assist security operatives with prompt information as he assured them of absolute confidentiality, while acting on the intel.

"He also called on the law-abiding citizens to always be vigilant and security conscious of their immediate environment to avoid being preyed on by marauding criminals," he added.