

# Bandit drowns in Bauchi village after attack as troops arrest gunrunner in Plateau

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A 34-year-old bandit drowned after an attack on the family of Nura Musa in Kishili, a border village between Bauchi and Plateau states, yesterday morning. The Guardian learnt the incident occurred at about 5:00 a.m.

Reports indicate that the bandits fled after their raid, but one of them unknowingly fell into a deep well and drowned. Community sources described the incident as an act of God, stating that the

bandits abandoned their drowned colleague after failing to rescue him.

Muhammad Amin, an eyewitness, told The Guardian that the bandits caused no harm, as the individual they sought, identified as Alabira, had not yet moved to the area.

“When they came, they kept asking, ‘Where is Amin? Where is Amin?’ I stepped out and explained that we didn’t know the person they were looking for. They believed me and left,” Amin said.

“As they departed, one of them strayed, stepped on an open deep well, and fell inside. The bandits threatened to harm us if we didn’t recover the body. A volunteer retrieved the corpse, and they left with it.”

Meanwhile, in a separate operation, the Nigerian Army’s Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) arrested five suspects, including a gunrunner, in Plateau State’s Jos South Local Council.

Acting on credible intelligence, troops from Sector 6 intercepted 48-year-old Stephen Maisaje Gyang during a stop-and-search operation at Kwanan Fulani on the evening of November 17.

A search uncovered a fabricated rifle, an AK-47 magazine, 15 rounds of ammunition, a knife, and a motorcycle. Preliminary investigations revealed Gyang was transporting the weapons to Farin Lamba, another area in Jos South. Security forces are currently working to apprehend his accomplices.