POLICE KILL ARMED BANDIT IN BAUCHI

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A middle aged man armed with AK 47 riffle was on Wednesday shot dead following exchange of gunshots with security operatives in Bauchi.

The incident, which occurred in the early hours along Federal Low Cost Housing Estate, left three civilians injured.

The Public Relations Officer of the Bauchi State police command, Hassan Mohammed Auyo, who confirmed the incident to newsmen said the armed man was killed during gun battle with security operatives after he injured three people.

A security source who spoke on condition of anonymity said trouble started when two people armed with AK 47s hid somewhere along the estate in the morning while people were going to office. According to the source, the armed man attacked a policeman and three civilians but the policeman escaped.

"When the policeman escaped, the people in the area mobilized themselves and pursued the man and alerted security operatives. And our men responded, arriving almost immediately. They started exchanging fire with the hoodlums and one of them was shot dead while the other escaped."

He said that security operatives recovered one AK 47 riffle, two magazines, with about 30 rounds of live ammunitions.

He said the three injured people were taken to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital Bauchi where they are receiving treatment.

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