

# Zamfara Police Recover AK47 Rifles, Rescue 24 Victims

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**Abuja** – Zamfara Police Command in its determination to curtail activities of rustlers, kidnappers and other criminals has created underground intelligence network at local government levels, in the 14 local government areas of the state.

According to the Commissioner of Police (CP) Kenneth Ebrimson, "in our efforts to stem the tide of criminal activities such as kidnappings, cattle rustling, culpable homicide, armed robberies and other forms of criminalities, we have emplaced methodologies/strategies in all the 14 LGAs of the state."

He disclosed that the strategies have yielded tremendous achievements.

In spite of the achievements recorded, CRIME TRACKER gathered that the command is faced with challenges. For instance, bad terrain and location of some of the villages are said to be making response to distress calls difficult.

In the same vein, communication network is said to be adversely affecting the command's operational efficiency, especially in curtailing activities of the outlawed group of YANSAKAI which results to reprisal attacks.

However, CP Ebrimson noted that much achievements have been recorded by his command. In particular, he said on 25/2/18 at about 0100hrs, unidentified group of armed men invaded Ruwan Gizo and Yartasha villages in Talata Mafara and kidnapped one Bilyaminu Abduallahi. His men he added, quickly responded and laid ambush for the kidnappers; and after an intense gun battle, the kidnapped victim was rescued, while one of the bandits was shot dead and others escaped with bullet wounds. CP Ebrimson added that, his men recovered two Ak-47 rifles with 75 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition and two operational motorcycles from the scene of the battle.

He said, in another development, his command foiled an attempt to invade Dokolo Village in Tsafe LGA, on 31st May, 2018. Ebrimson disclosed that at about 2350hrs of that day, a group of armed

bandits attempted to attack the village. "Combine teams of Mobile policemen/vigilante group led by DPO Tsafe quickly responded and engaged the bandits in a gun battle. One of the bandits was shot dead while others escaped with bullet wounds. One Ak-49 rifle and two operational motorcycles were recovered."

Also highlighting some of the command's achievements, he noted that on Monday 4th June, 2018 at about 0230hrs, the command received another distress call that, armed bandits in their large numbers attempted to attack Kekawa village in the same Tsafe LGA. On the spur of the information, DPO Tsafe led a combine team of Mobile policemen/vigilate group and engaged the bandits in a gun duel. In the aftermath that ensued, four of the bandits were shot dead and others escaped with bullet wounds, while two locally fabricated guns, one pump action, five live catriges, one matchet and assorted charms were recovered.

Ebrimson recalled an incident when a notorious kidnapper one Babuga Abubakar, was arrested. He was said to have with his accomplices on 9/5/2018 at about 2200hrs robbed one Manu Jumba and Alhaji Jatau of their two handsets and demanded for a ransom of N7million. Also, another notorious kidnapper one Dan Alhaji was arrested by the police for kidnapping one Alhaji Zayyanu Yale of Zurmi LGA on the 29/5/2018.

CRIME TRACKER learnt that the two cases are still under investigation by the Anti – Kidnapping Squad of the command, the suspects would be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

CP Ebrimson gave the breakdown of recovered items as: Suspects arrested since January 151, three Ak-47 rifles one Ak-49 rifle, one SMG rifle, two British/English pistols with four rounds of live ammunition, 18 locally made guns, eight locally made revolver pistols, 173 (7.62mm) and 26 (8.2mm) ammunition and 13 live cartridges.

Other items recovered were 31 cows, one Lexus jeep and N3million cash.

During gun battle, seven bandits were said to have been gunned down, while 24 victims were rescued.

The CP also disclosed that last Sunday at about 2000hrs, the command succeeded in the rescue of the family of Hon. Commissioner for youths and sports Zamfara State hale and hearty. The victims who were abducted on 22/5/2018 at about 0210hrs were debriefed, and the command is presently working on the information provided by the victims to track down the perpetrators.

The command spokesman, DSP Mohammed Shehu, in a statement assured that the command will sustain it's efforts in ensuring peace, security and safety of the state. He enjoined members of the public to play their own part by providing timely/useful information to the police for effective crime management and control.

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