

The Kaduna State Police Command said no fewer than 17 vigilantes were killed by armed bandits in Jan Ruwa village in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Yakubu Sabo, confirmed this to newsmen on Thursday in Kaduna.

Sabo disclosed that the police received information on March 12 about 11.45a.m that

## Armed Bandits Kill 17 Vigilantes In Kaduna

a group of armed bandits entered Jan Ruwa village of Birnin Gwari LGA and rustled many cows.

"And that a team of vigilante group of the village who were returning from a function in Zamfara State, got the information mobilised and pursued the criminals into the deep forest, engaged the

bandits in serious gun duel, as a result of which some of the vigilante men lost their lives."

Sabo said a combined team of policemen mobile force and conventional police and vigilante mobilised to the area for search and rescue mission.

He added that in the process, 15 dead bodies of the vigilante men were recovered,

and additional two bodies later.

"This brings the total number of vigilante men who died to 17," he disclosed.

The spokesman said the Commissioner of Police, Malam Ahmad Abdurrahman, condemned the killing of those patriots and vowed to apprehend the perpetrators to

face the consequences of their action.

"He condoled with the families of these gallant citizens who volunteered to assist security agencies in the protection of lives and property of the citizenry.

"The CP assure members of the public that, the command has sent detectives to

the area and working hand in hand with other security agencies to ensure timely arrest of the culprits."

He appealed to members of the public to assist the police with relevant information on any suspicious person or group to ensure effective crime prevention in the state.

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