

Police Kill Three Bandits, Lose Two Cops, Houses Razed In Kaduna Attack

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The Kaduna State Police Command on Sunday said it had gunned down three armed bandits among those that attacked Kakanji village in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area on Saturday night.

The Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Yakubu Sabo, who confirmed the incident to newsmen in Kaduna, however, said two policemen died in the attack.

Sabo disclosed that, "We received a distress call through DPO Randagi on April 6 at about 1900hrs that armed men in large number entered Kakangi village of Birnin Gwari LGA, a neighbouring community to Niger State, shooting sporadically, attacking the villagers.

"The combined teams of police mobile force personnel, conventional police and vigilante were quickly mobilised to the village, engaged the bandits in fierce gun duel and successfully repelled the attack.

“Our gallant men gunned down three of the bandits and several others escaped into the bush with bullet wounds.

“However, two of our men paid the supreme sacrifice during the intense gun duel with the bandits.”

He said the policemen killed in the attack were Insp. Aliyu Mohammed and Sgt. Rabi Abubakar both attached to Randagi Division, while Sgt. Ibrahim Nasir along with six civilians were injured and are now receiving treatment at the General Hospital, Birnin Gwari.

He disclosed that the attackers also torched some houses in the village, adding that “the command has mobilised more reinforcement to the area with a view to apprehending the perpetrators of this attack and bring them to justice.”

According to him, the Commissioner of Police, Ahmad Abdurrahman, has condemned the attack and assured members of the public that the police would fish out the culprits.

He appealed to the good citizens of the state to support the police with prompt and relevant information that could help in getting rid of the bandits.

“The CP prayed for the repose of the souls of the gallant officers who lost their lives in the operation and quick recovery of the injured persons,” he added.

According to a statement by Ibrahim Abubakar Nagwari, Chairman, Birnin-Gwari Vanguard for Security and Good Governance, and released by PRNigeria on Sunday, the bandits stormed Kakangi about 5.00p.m on motorcycles, shooting sporadically at the police station before embarking on a house to house attack and burning of houses.

“We were sitting in front of the police station and suddenly bandits heavily started shooting. I jumped through the fence to escape,” said an escaped eyewitness who spoke at Gagumi, about 20 kilometres from Kakanji.

The escapee added: “As I was escaping, thick smoke from several locations overshadowed the sky.”

Several sources said many people were feared dead, including high profile indigenes of Kakanji that were attending a mass wedding.