

Police kill suspected kidnapper in Zamfara

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The Zamfara State Police Command yesterday said it killed a notorious kidnapper, arrested eight and recovered arms.

Commissioner of Police Kenneth Embrimson, who displayed the body in Gusau, said he was killed in a gun battle.

According to him, the command received reports that a gang of criminals stormed Ruwan-Gizo and Yartasha in Talata-Mafara Local Government Area, and kidnapped Bilyaminu Abdullahi.

“The police quickly responded and laid ambush, and after an intense gun battle, which lasted for more than two hours, Abdullahi was rescued.

“One of the bandits was killed while another escaped with gunshot wounds.

“Two AK-47 rifles, 75 rounds of 7.62 MM and two motorcycles were recovered from the kidnappers,” he said.

Embrimson added that a police team, on February 24, arrested two persons – a suspected bandit and kidnapper – at Daraga and Dankurmi areas in Maru Local Government.

He said: “A locally-made gun and one round of 7.62 MM of AK-47 rifle were recovered from the suspects.

“Five suspected kidnappers were arrested at Magarya in Zurmi council on February 23, while another suspected kidnapper and a robber were arrested on February 19.”

The duo, he said, were arrested in Kabala and Yangaladima villages in Maradun and Maru councils.

A suspected gunrunner, believed to be in charge of collecting ransoms for kidnappers, was also arrested.

“We recovered N2.6 million and 21 pieces of Nigerian currencies from the suspect,” he said.