

# Bandits' attack: Police kills two, arrest another in Katsina

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THE Katsina State Police Command on Saturday evening, gunned down two bandits, arrested one and freed their victim in a duel at Malumfashi local government area of the state.

The State Commissioner of Police, CP Sanusi Buba, told newsmen at a press briefing held at the State Police Command Headquarters that operatives of SARS led by their commander, acting on intelligent report, stormed the camp of one Ibrahim Masaja at Rai Talata village of Malumfashi LGA of the state where they engaged the bandits in a hot exchange of fire power

He said “You will recall in my 2019 press briefing, I promised the people of Katsina state that 2020 will witness a paradigm shift in the ongoing onslaught against crime and Criminality in the state, especially in the fight against banditry, kidnapping in the 8 front line LGAs and beyond.

This approach has begun to see the light of the day, and in view of this, the command has been recording tremendous successes in the fight against cattle rustling, banditry and kidnapping in recent times in the state.

Few days ago we succeeded in rescuing two girls in the hands of kidnappers in Danmusa and Batagarawa LGAs, of Katsina state, after killing two of the kidnappers.”

On the Malumfashi encounter, he said the SARS operatives engaged the notorious Kidnapped kingpin and his gang members in their hideouts in an exchange and freed their kidnapped victim, Paul Lawal, aged 25 years.

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He said “the SARS operatives stormed the hideout where the victim was kept and during the operation, one Sumaila aged 22, one other notorious member of the gang attempted to escape from police arrest, consequently they were gunned down on the spot while the victim Paul Lawal was rescued.”

CP Sanusi Buba also announced the arrest of one Mohammed Bello, 33, Babangida Tsarki Turaki, 25, both of Mararaba Aya village Kafur LGA, all who were at the point of collecting the N15m ransom that was demanded on Paul.

He recalled that Paul Lawal was kidnapped on 4th of January, 2020, at Government Girls Secondary School, Malumfashi Staff quarters.

He solicited the support and cooperation of Katsina citizens in the fight against criminality and other related activities in the state.

He said ”We are determined more than ever before to deal decisively with any individual or group of criminals who may decide to contemplate testing the will of his excellency, the Executive Governor of Katsina State, Aminu Bello Masari, who had earlier given the bandits the opportunity to embrace dialogue.”



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