

# Gunmen kill three security personnel in fresh Zamfara ambush

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The Zamfara State Police Command yesterday confirmed the death of a policeman and two civil defence personnel in an ambush by bandits in the state. Earlier reports suggested that as many as 20 security personnel were killed in the attack. But in a clarification yesterday spokesman for the command, Mohammed Shehu, said the Shinkafi road attack claimed three lives

“What happened was that, on 28th October 2021, Joint Police/Civil Defence Operatives deployed along K/Namoda – Shinkafi Road to stem the tide of banditry, kidnapping and other heinous crimes were ambushed by suspected armed bandits who came in large number,” Shehu said.

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“The operatives who were always at red alert engaged the hoodlums in an extensive gun duel that lasted for hours. Some of the assailants were neutralised while others escaped with possible gunshot wounds. Unfortunately, a Police Operative and two Civil Defence personnel paid the supreme price and their corpses were evacuated and buried accordingly.

“The Commissioner of Police, while deploying reinforcement of Police Tactical operatives to the area, reiterates the continuous commitment and resilience of the Police to rid the State of all activities of criminal elements.” The Command urged the public to “ignore the outrageous number” of the earlier reports and “continue to be security conscious while going about their legitimate business.”