

Police confirm killing of Chinese in Zamfara by bandits

THE Zamfara Police Command yesterday confirmed the killing of Chinese by gunmen in Maradun Local Government Area of the state.

Spokesman of the Command, Muhammad Shehu, a Superintendent of Police (SP)

made the confirmation in a statement issued in Gusau.

According to Shehu, the tactical operatives of the command responded to the distress call of an ambush by large number of bandits on the Hillux vehicle conveying

two Chinese nationals with their police personnel escort on their way to Maradun Local Government Area of the state to assess some government projects.

The statement reads: "As a result of the unfortunate

ambush, the victims sustained various degrees of gunshot wounds and were rushed to the Federal Medical Center (FMC), Gusau for treatment.

"One of the victims named

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Fan Yu, male, a Chinese national was later confirmed dead by the doctors, while the other victim is responding to treatment."

According to him, the police operatives who responded to the distress call regarding the ambush neutralised, 11 bandits while others fled with gunshot wounds.

"Two AK 47 Rifles, cutlasses belonging to the terrorists were recovered by the police tactical operatives in conjunction members of the vigilante group", he added.

The SP said that the command deployed additional operatives to the area to complement the ongoing operations by the joint security operatives to restore normalcy and apprehend the fleeing assailants.

The Commissioner of Police (CP) in the state, Mr. Kolo Yusuf has commiserated with the families of the

deceased.

He assured that effort was ongoing to arrest the perpetrators of the dastardly act so as to face the full wrath of the law.

Shehu said the command's tactical operatives succeeded in repelling bandits' attack on Zamfara-Katsina Highway.

He said: "The police tactical operatives deployed on Gusau-Tsafe-Yankara road received a distress call of bandit's plan to block highway near Kucheri village.

"The operatives swung into action and mobilised to the location where a serious gun battle between the police and the terrorists ensued.

"Luckily enough, the attack was repelled while the terrorists fled back to the forest with possible gunshot injuries.

"Confidence building patrol is being intensified to avert regrouping of the bandits back to the highway."