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(PNS), Mr. Kunal Baskaran
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3 Bandit gunned down in Katsina police shootout

THE Police Command in Katsina State yesterday neutralised a suspected terrorist while repelling their attack on Magamar-Jibia, Jibia Local Government Area of the state.

The command's spokesman, SP Gambo Isah, said this in a statement in Katsina.

"Today Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 at about 0430 hours, terrorists in their numbers, shooting sporadically with AK47 rifles, attacked a police nipping point at Magama-Hirji junction, along Jibia-Katsina Road.

"The policemen engaged the terrorists in a fierce gun duel and successfully repelled them," he said.

He said that one of the terrorists was neutralised, and one AK47 rifle recovered with four magazines containing 90 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition of AK47 rifles.

Isah added that money and other exhibits were also recovered.

According to him, many of the terrorists while two policemen also sustained injuries.

- Two siblings shot dead in Sokoto
- Three arrested over attempt to kill policeman

**From Augustine Okezie,
Katsina and Adamu
Suleiman, Sokoto**

Isah revealed that the injured policemen were taken to Jibia hospital for treatment and had already been discharged.

He further said that search parties were still combing the area with a view of arresting or recovering more dead bodies of the terrorists.

~~In Sokoto, a group of suspected bandits at the weekend attacked and killed Asara ward chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Gwadabawa local government of the state, Alhaji Iliya Agajiba, alongside his elder brother.~~

Gwadabawa local government area is one of the worst hit by bandits on the eastern wing of the caliphate where cattle rustling and banditry activities have dominated communities.

The attackers numbering about 15 were said to be armed with sophisticated

weapons when they invaded the community.

An eye witness and resident of the community told reporters that the suspected bandits attacked the residence of the deceased chairman, killing him and his elder brother who attempted to rescue the chairman.

Efforts to get the confirmation of the police in Sokoto on the incident failed.

Police in Ogun have arrested three suspects over an alleged attempt to kill a police officer, Akinpelu Sunday, while carrying out his duties at Orile Imo in Obafemi-Owode Local Government Area of the state.

Police spokesman Abimbola Oyeyemi confirmed the arrest in a statement issued in Abeokuta yesterday.

Oyeyemi said the suspects were arrested on Saturday while attacking the policeman and attempting to burn a police towing vehicle so as to prevent investigation into the cause of an accident.

He explained that following the report of an accident, which occurred on Saturday at Orile-Imo area, the police sergeant attached to the traffic section of Owode-Egba Divisional Headquarters was detailed to rescue the victims and recover the vehicles involved.

Oyeyemi added that on getting to the scene, the suspects attacked the policeman and the towing vehicle driver with sledge hammer, stick and other dangerous weapons.

He stated further that the policeman and the towing vehicle driver managed to escape from the scene and ran to the station, with varying degrees of injuries.

"The Divisional Police Officer, Owode Egba division, Olasunkanmi Popoola, led his men to the place where he met the suspects who had already poured petrol on the towing vehicle and were about setting it ablaze.

"Three of the hoodlums were arrested while others escaped, but petrol was recovered from them," he said.