

# Police foil banditry attacks, rescue six kidnapped victims in Katsina



The **Katsina State Police Command** has successfully thwarted a banditry attack and rescued kidnap victims in the Unguwar Batsaka area of Jibia township.

In a statement released by ASP Abubakar Sadiq Aliyu, the Police Public Relations Officer for Katsina State, it was reported that a distress call was received at the Jibia Divisional Police Headquarters regarding a group of armed bandits attacking Unguwar Batsaka.

The assailants were reportedly armed with dangerous weapons and firing indiscriminately while attempting to abduct residents.

He said: "Swiftly, the DPO Jibia mobilised a team of operatives in collaboration with the military, members of the Katsina State Community Watch Corps (KSCWC), and vigilantes to the scene, where they engaged the bandits in a fierce gun duel that lasted about an hour, forcing the bandits to flee the scene with various degrees of bullet injuries.

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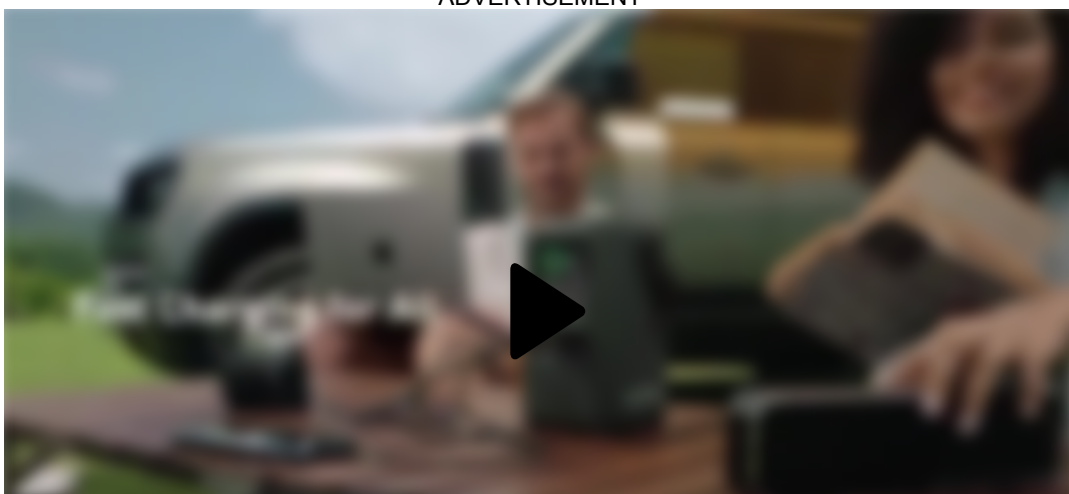
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"The team successfully rescued 6 kidnapped victims and was immediately rushed to the hospital for medical attention due to injuries sustained as a result of the bandits attack. Regrettably, one of the victims, simply identified as Rabe Mai Shayi, succumbed to his injuries while receiving treatment".

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"Efforts are being intensified to ensure the arrest of the fleeing suspects. Further development will be communicated in due course"

"We urge anyone with useful information on suspected criminal activities to promptly report at the nearest police station for timely and decisive action."