Police, community guards rescue 13 passengers

- ***One bandit killed***

The **Sokoto State** Police Command and new state Community Guards Corps have foiled an attack on a commercial vehicle by bandits, rescuing 13 passengers.

The operatives killed one bandit in the incident that occurred on Kwanar Maharba Road.

In a statement, Mr. Garba Mohammed, the Director of Press to the deputy governor, quoted his boss, Alhaji Idris Mohammed Gobir, as commending the patrol team for a good job.

Gobir acknowledged that within four days, the team had rescued 63 victims from bandits: 24 last Sunday, 39 on Monday and seven on Wednesday.

He reassured that the government would continue to support the teams and other security personnel.

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"Governor Ahmed Aliyu has ordered that anything requested for the purpose of ensuring the security of lives and properties of people must be provided without delay,'' the deputy governor added.

He stressed that efforts were being intensified by the government, in collaboration with the Federal Government, in tackling Lakurawa terrorists.

According to him, security was beefed up in areas known to have members of Lakurawa.

Malam Umar Isa Magajin Gatarawa, one of the rescued victims, said they were travelling from Isa to Sokoto when the bandits emerged from the bush and blocked the road.

He said when the driver of the vehicle tried to escape, the bandits fired at the tyres.