

# Soldiers, vigilantes kill 12 bandits in Katsina



No fewer than 12 bandits have been killed in a joint military operation with vigilantes in Kurfi-Safana area of Katsina State.

The Katsina State Government announced this in a statement by the commissioner for inter security and home affairs, Nasiru Muazu.

He said the joint operations followed early morning intelligence reports for which the security forces swiftly mobilised to counter bandit activities threatening the safety of residents in the region.

According to him: "Armed bandits attacked Rahamawa village via Kuraye District in Charanchi Local government area at approximately 5:40am severely injuring 60-year-old Alhaji Danmalam and rustling 22 cattle from the community.

"The joint Police, Army, Community Watch, and Vigilante patrol teams immediately pursued the criminals and engaged them in a fierce gun battle at Dutsen Falale in the Kurfi-Safana enclave.

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"The coordinated operation resulted in the elimination of twelve bandits and the recovery of 5 AK-47 rifles, ammunition, along with all the twenty-two rustled cattle.

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"While celebrating this decisive victory against criminal elements, we mourn the loss of one brave vigilante who paid the ultimate price defending his community"

"One soldier sustained injuries during the operation and is receiving medical treatment.

"Tragically, Alhaji Danmalam, the initial victim of the attack, succumbed to his injuries at Primary Health Care ,PHC, Charanchi."

He also described the successful operation as an indication of the staunch commitment of Katsina State's security architecture to protect lives and property.