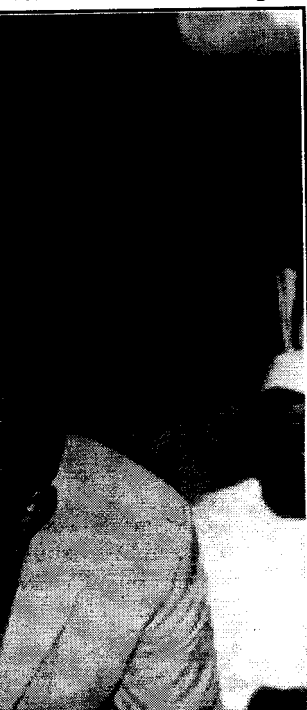


Robbers kill 2 policemen, others in Taraba

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TWO policemen and two civilians have been killed during a raid by armed bandits in Garba Chede and Garin Jibir towns in Taraba state at the weekend.

New Nigerian learnt that the bandits also carted away arms and ammunition belonging to the police, cash amounting to hundred thousands of naira and other valuables belonging to the residents of the two villages.



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ernment Area of the state.

People in Lafia are now moving in fear and men with hands in their pockets at alert keeping vigilance to avert further occurrences.

The towns located along Mutum Biyu-Bali road is among major highways in the state recording high cases of armed robbery in recent time.

It was further learnt that the bandits numbering up to 40 and well armed raided a police out post in one of the affected villages where they killed two policemen on duty before raiding the villages.

They were said to have held the entire residents of the villages hostage for several hours and carted away cash and other valuables.

Some of the residents who were taken unaware received gunshots while others who noticed the arrival of the bandits fled along with their families.

The State Police Commissioner, Mr Greg Anyating who spoke with *New Nigerian* through the Police Public Relations Officer of the command, ASP Faje Atajiri, confirmed the killing of the two policemen by the bandits.

ASP Atajiri also confirmed that a rifle belonging to the police was taken away by the armed bandits during the raid.

However, he said a leader of the bandits was captured at Bali town and he had made useful statements on the whereabouts of other members of the bandits.

Our reporter also observed that lack of communication gadgets and logistics are making crime control difficult in the state, as most police men on night patrol in Jalingo metropolis use their handsets to communicate with their base and other colleagues on emergency cases.