

Police avert attack on Zamfara community, kill one suspect

THE Police in Zamfara said on Tuesday it averted an attempt by gunmen to attack Tangaram community in Anka Local Government Area of the state.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the Command, SP Muhammad Shehu, said in a statement made available to newsmen in Gusau, that one of the suspects was killed by the police.

"There was an attempt by the bandits at the early hours of Saturday, July 14, to attack Tangaram community which was frustrated by the police.

"The command which mobilised a team of policemen to the scene, engaged

the bandits in gun battle, after which one of them was shot dead while others escaped with various degrees of bullet wounds.

"One AK 47 rifle with 16 rounds of live ammunition was recovered," he stated, adding that the policemen were combing the surrounding forest to arrest the fleeing bandits.

According to Shehu, the command also arrested 72 suspected criminals and recovered 73 motorcycles from them.

He said that the police was concerned over the increase in use of unregistered motorcycles by armed bandits to carry out kidnapping and other

forms of crime in the state.

"The state police command, under the Commissioner of Police, Kenneth Ebrimson, embarked on massive intelligence that led to raid on some identified criminal hideouts across the state.

"An operation carried out on Sunday, July 15, by the command, led to the arrest of the suspects and recovery of 73 motorcycles from them.

"All the suspects are in police custody undergoing interrogation after which they will be charged to court for prosecution," he said.

He called on members of the public who lost their

motorcycles to criminals either by snatching or theft, to come to the state police headquarters, Gusau and claim such.

Osun SDP holds guber primaries today

THE Osun State chapter of Social Democratic Party (SDP) will hold its gubernatorial primaries today.

The primaries would hold in all the 332 wards and 30 local government areas of the state and area office.

The primaries election is a direct one that would involve all party members across the state as they would cast their votes to elect the party's standard-bearer in the September 22 governorship election in the state.

The electoral panel is headed by Professor Alkali Rufai and it will hold between 8.00 a.m and 4.00 p.m.

as APC NWC fixes new dates for Imo congress

gresses in Imo State.

A statement signed by its national organising secretary, Emma Ibediro, disclosed that ward and local government congresses would hold on Friday and Saturday respectively.

The statement further disclosed that the state congresses would be conducted on Monday, July 23.

With the new development, the earlier congresses which enabled members

of the aggrieved Imo APC stakeholders to produce leadership of the state chapter, had been jettisoned to enable the state governor, Rochas Okorocha, to regain lost grounds.