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② Police kill 2 cross-border armed bandits in Benue

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OPERATIVES of the Joint Task Force of Operation Zenda have shot dead two suspected bandits on the Ugbana/Jato Aka Road in Kwande Local Government Area of Benue State.

Nigerian Tribune learnt from a member of the task force that the incident happened last Saturday.

The police source who did not want his name in print added that the bandits were killed by men of Operation Zenda, led by SP Justine Gbyindye.

He said that the bandits engaged the operatives who were on surveillance of the area, in a gunfight.

He said: "The Joint Task Force of Operation Zenda were on surveillance of the volatile area when the bandits engaged them in a gun duel, leading to the death of two gang members, while others escaped with gunshot wounds.

"The bandits are suspected to be members of a gang of kidnappers and armed robbers terrorising communities in the area."

Items recovered from them, according to police source, were a sub-machine gun, live ammunition, cartridges, phones and charms.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Catherine Anene, confirmed the incident, saying the bandits were killed during a gun duel with police operatives.