

Zamfara commissioner, others caught in crossfire between rival bandits, one killed

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THE Zamfara State police command has said a driver was killed as the state's Commissioner for Security and Home Affairs, Abubakar Dauran, and other government officials were caught in a crossfire by rival bandits.

A statement issued by the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, SP Shehu Mohammed, on Monday, confirmed that the incident

occurred when government officials were returning from an official assignment to Katsina State.

The statement said: "On November 9, at about 10:00 a.m., the command received a report that a delegation of Zamfara State government, led by the Commissioner for Security and Home Affairs, Alhaji Abubakar Mohammed Dauran, was caught in a crossfire between two warring

bandit groups.

"The bandits, it was gathered, were fighting for supremacy at Dogon Karfe, Gidan Jaja, along Zurmi-Jibiya Road in Zurmi Local Government.

'The delegation was returning from Katsina State after handing over 26 women and children abducted in Faskari Local Government Area of Katsina State, who were rescued by the Zamfara State government under its peace,

reconciliation and disarmament initiative.

"Unfortunately, a driver in the delegation died in the crossfire. Immediately, the combined police and military personnel rushed to the scene to strengthen the existing escort of the delegation.

"The command and other security agencies will continue to do their best to ensure the protection of lives and property of the citizens."

Pastor accused over missing genitals killed in Benue