

Police kill 2 suspected bandits, arrest 8 others for criminal conspiracy in Sokoto

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OPERATIVES of the Nigeria Police Force, Sokoto State Command have killed two suspected bandits during a crossfire with the suspected armed bandits.

The Commissioner of Police, CP Sani Ibrahim Ka'oje, while addressing newsmen at the police headquarters in Sokoto, said the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), upon receiving a distress call that some armed bandits were preparing to execute operations around Yabo-Sanyinna forest, swung into action.

He said operatives of the SCID, proceeded to the area where they met the bandits who wearing military camouflage uniform and opened fire on the police and a gun duel ensued which left two

bandits dead while others escaped with bullet wounds. Items recovered from them included 1 AK 47, 3 AK49 rifles, 4 2L444C and rounds of live ammunition.

The police also arrested one Maniru Abdullahi, now deceased, from a village in Denge Shuni and one Musa Alhaji Buba of Katsina State who were involved in an attempted kidnap but were caught by the locals, while a locally fabricated wooden fake gun was recovered from them.

The CP also disclosed that suspects, including one Hajiya Rukkaya Bello, Yahaya Ibrahim, Michael Nwosu, Mathew Irimiya, Innocent Onyeka and Kabiru Bala, all from Sokoto, criminally conspired among themselves, armed with two pistols and two cutlasses, boarded a

vehicle from Sokoto with intention to attack a house at Birnin Kebbi and demand a sum of N25m from the owner of the house.

He said the suspects confessed that one Kabiru Bala, now arrested, organised the robbery and supplied the two pistols in a remote partnership with one Obinna, currently serving a jail term in Sokoto Prison.

Also paraded by the police were Hadari Bello, Muhammad Rabi, Muhammad Kiruwa, Shehu Alh Dandabo and Dankawu Janare. While Hadari was arrested for attempted kidnap, after being identified a driver to be a member of a kidnap syndicate who kidnapped him sometimes in September along Kankara Sheme road in Katsina State.