

Police kill five suspected bandits in Kaduna, Sokoto, recover eight AK-47 rifles

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POLICE operatives on Wednesday killed two suspected bandits in Saminaka town in Lere Local Government Area of Kaduna State and recovered five AK-47 rifles from them, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

In Sokoto State, police operatives also killed three bandits and recovered three AK-47 rifles.

The Kaduna State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Mohammed Jalige, confirmed the incident in a statement he made available to newsmen in Kaduna on Thursday.

Jalige said a combined team of security operatives, acting on a tip-off, traced the suspects to a location where they were planning to launch an attack on law-abiding citizens.

The police spokesperson said that upon sighting the

security operatives, the suspects opened fire and this resulted in a fierce exchange between them and the security operatives.

Jalige added that the suspects were overpowered, with two of them killed, while several others escaped into the forest, abandoning their weapons.

"Five AK-47 rifles, one G-3 rifle, 17 AK-47 rifle magazines, 1,658 rounds of 7.62 x 39mm AK-47 live ammunition and one Volkswagen

Golf 3 vehicle were recovered during the operation," Jalige said.

In Sokoto, the state Commissioner of Police, Kola Okunlola, has disclosed that three suspected bandits were killed by police operatives in the state, while three AK-47 rifles were also recovered.

The police boss stated this on Thursday during a press briefing at the command headquarters in Sokoto.