Police kill 30 bandits in Zamfara, as hoodlums kill 10

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POLICE tactical operatives posted to Zamfara State have killed 30 bandits who attacked four communities in the state and killed 10 on Tuesday.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Mohammed Shehu, in a statement issued he issued on Tuesday, said the hoodlums attacked Gobirawa, Rini, Gora and Madoti Dankule villages of Bakura and Maradun local government areas.

He said many of the bandits also escaped with gunshot wounds.

While urging residents of the communities to remain calm as security personnel are on top of the situation, the police warned recalcitrant armed bandits to either surrender their arms and embrace peace or face the unpredictable consequences.

Speaking on the operation, Shehu said: "In the early hours of today (Tuesday), the Zamfara State police command received a distress call about the ongoing simultaneous attacks on Gobirawa, Gora, Rini and Madoti Dankule villages of Maradun and Bakura LGAs respectively.

"On receipt of the distress call, tactical operatives of the command comprising personnel of Puff Adder, Special Forces, Police Mobile Force (PMF) and Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU), led by the commander, 78 PMF, arrived the scenes and engaged the attackers in a gun duel.

"As a result of the encounter, about 30 hoodlums were neutralised, while others escaped with a possible gunshot wounds."