

The defendant said that hearing.

Rival group kills notorious bandit in Zamfara

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A notorious bandit, Damina, has been shot dead and his body dismembered by a rival group led by Dogo Gide in a village in Zamfara State.

It was gathered that the deceased was living in Kuyanbana forest of Dansadau Emirate in Maru Local Government Area of the state.

It was also gathered that the late bandit was said to have burnt a woman alive during a raid on her community, which fuelled the crisis between him and the rival gang.

The slain bandit was responsible for series of deadly raids, kidnappings, cattle rustling and imposition of levies on several communities in Dansadau Emirate.

It was gathered that last July, he attacked Tungar Baushe and Randa villages, where several people were killed and more than 100 residents, mostly women and children, were abducted.

Thus, when he met his Waterloo, he was believed to have died from injuries he sustained following the clash between members of his gang and those of Dogo Gide near Chilin and Famaje, two farming communities that had been under the control of Dogo Gide.

Dogo Gide had struck a deal with the communities after complaining about

the way and manner Damina was attacking them and dispossessing them of their valuables.

According to residents familiar with the development, a note of warning was sent to Damina to stop attacking communities and killing peasant farmers, but he failed to heed the warnings.

Meanwhile, Senator Saidu Muhammad Dansadau corroborated the story when contacted.

Senator Dansadau said: "Yes, it is true Damina was killed by Dogo Gide. We have the information on what happened.

"Damina had about three weeks ago attacked Babbar Doka community and killed and displaced residents there.

The community is where the criminals are getting their basic needs and had been under Dogo Gide's protection for quite a long time.

"Dogo Gide had reached an agreement with those communities in south-western Dansadau town that they should go about their businesses or farming activities as no one would be harassed by any bandit.

"However, when Damina arrived a year ago, Dogo Gide tried to draw his attention to the pact he had with the locals there, but Damina ignored it."