

2 Police kill 23 suspected bandits, arrest 57 others in Sokoto

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OPERATIVES of the Sokoto State police command have killed about 23 suspected bandits in three local government area of the state.

Briefing newsmen at the state police command headquarters in Sokoto on Monday, the Deputy In-

spector-General of Police in-charge of Operations, DIG Ahmed Zaki Gwandu, said 57 others were arrested for various criminal activities, including banditry, cattle rustling, among others.

Gwandu, who addressed newsmen alongside the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Zone 10, AIG Ali Janga, and the state Com-

missioner of Police, Kamaldeen Okunlola, said 37 among those arrested were nabbed for acts of terrorism during operations which covered bandits' camps in three local government areas of Rabbah, Goronyo and Illela.

He said the suspects, who include Musa Mohammed Kamarawa, a 33-year-old

ally of a bandits leader, Bello Turji, were arrested in different locations, adding that they had all confessed to their complicity in banditry.

Gwandu said some of the items recovered from the suspects include 32 AK-47 rifles, two rocket-propelled grenades (RPG), one rocket launcher, four locally-made pistols, among others.

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