

# Security agents kill bandits in Niger, rescue 20 abducted victims

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POLICE operatives in Niger State alongside the military and vigilante members on Saturday engaged bandits in a gun duel in Magama Local Government Area of the state.

During the operation, several bandits were killed, while about 20 abducted victims were rescued.

The state police command said on February 12, at about 4:30 p.m., bandits attacked some villages around Nasko, in Magama LGA and rustled large number of cattle.

The state Police Public

Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Wasiu Abiodun, in a statement on Sunday, said the tactical teams of the command collaborated with military personnel and vigilante members and engaged the bandits in a gun battle along the Ibeto cattle route for about two hours.

He said scores of bandits were killed, while 20 kidnap victims were rescued and several cattle recovered.

The police spokesperson said items recovered at the scene of the encounter include one AK-47 magazine with 30 rounds of live ammunition, seven handsets and one Honda motorcycle.