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Niger police repel bandits, kill scores

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SOME gunmen suspected to be armed bandits, on Friday, met their Waterloo during an attack on Shohon-Rami village in Mashegu Local Government Area of Niger State, as a police tactical team attached to the State Police Command in conjunction with some vigilante group repelled bandits' attack on

the community, killing some of them.

However, three villagers were reported to have been killed earlier by the bandits before the police moved into the village.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the state command, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed this incident in a statement, saying, "The two bodies of the bandits were recovered by the police".

He said, "On Friday, at about 10:15 hrs, information was received that armed bandits who were suspected to be terrorists attacked Shohon-Rami village, Mashegu Local Government Area and killed three persons.

The statement added that the police tactical teams and vigilante members were immediately mobilised to the area.

Abiodun noted that while

the bandits were trying to escape, they were engaged in a fierce gun battle by the tactical teams and scores of the bandits were killed while others escaped with gunshot injuries into a nearby forest.

He said the State Commissioner of Police, CP Monday Bala Kuryas, commended the gallantry performance of the tactical teams and vigilante members in the gun battle.

2 FCT police arrest alleged prime suspect in Omape's murder

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THE Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command has arrested a 33-year-old man, Joseph Mbounu Ifeanyi, in connection with the death of one young lady Evelyn Omape Yakubu in Lugbe Area of the FCT.

The arrest followed a report by one Adujo Yakubu lodged at the Trademore Division Police headquarters, investigative asset of the Command.

In a statement made available to pressmen through the Police Public Relations Officer of the FCT, DSP Josephine Adeh, the FCT Commissioner of Police, Babaji Sunday, stated that upon visitation, the deceased was found dead in her residence on February 21, 2022.

According to the statement, "all efforts to take the corpse to the morgue for the necessary actions proved abortive as the family of the deceased insisted on immediately burying the corps due to the state of the body at discovery point."

The statement further

stated that; "Preliminary investigations have, however, revealed that the principal suspect, Joseph Mbounu Ifeanyi, an electrical technician, was last seen with the deceased before the discovery of her death, that Joseph actually called to inform the deceased family members of her demise and had since been out of reach until his arrest.

"The case has been absorbed by the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), where investigation is being intensified and further discoveries would be made public," The FCT boss stated.

Babaji, while registering his condolence with the family and friends of deceased, called for calm.

He assured that no stone would be left unturned in unraveling the cause of Evelyn's death and ensuring that justice was served.

The commissioner also refuted allegations in the public domain the police demanded N300, 000 from the family of the deceased, which slowed down investigations into the matter.



From left, former President Olusegun Obasanjo, exhuming a descendant with former Vice President Atiku Abubakar after the funeral of the late President Umaru Yaradua.

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