

# Police kill bandit, recover AK-47 rifle in Zamfara

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OPERATIVES of the Zamfara State police command, in collaboration with other security personnel, have killed a bandit and recovered an AK-47 rifle with 18 rounds of live ammunition at Gummi/Bukkuyum axis of the state.

In a statement on Monday, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO),

SP Mohammed Shehu, said the police had intensified confidence-building patrols to avert further attacks on nearby communities.

Shehu said: "On June 19, at about 3:00 a.m., police tactical operatives deployed in Gummi/Bukkuyum axis received a distress call that bandits on motorcycles had invaded Saran Gamawa and neighbouring Unguwar

Mata villages with the intent to kill and abduct innocent members of the communities."

He revealed that the police, in collaboration with the vigilante in the affected villages, mobilised forces and engaged the bandits in a gun battle that lasted for several hours.

The police spokesperson said: "As a result, one of the bandits was fatally injured,

and an AK-47 rifle belonging to him was recovered at the scene, while others retreated into the forest with possible gunshot wounds.

"The Commissioner of Police, Ayuba N. Elkanah, commended the resilience of the joint operatives and charged them not to relent in their efforts to safeguard the lives and property of innocent people in the state."