

Police kill 12 suspected bandits, kidnappers in Bauchi

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OPERATIVES of the Bauchi State police command have killed 12 suspected bandits/kidnappers, including their kingpin, Madaki Mansur, during an operation.

The gang had been terrorising residents of Alkaleri Local Government Area of the state and neighbouring states of Taraba, Plateau and Gombe.

In a press release, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Ahmed Wakili, said: "In our combined efforts to stem the menace of banditry in Bauchi State, especially in Alkaleri LGA.,

the command was at its best recently.

"On December 19, at about 2:30a.m, a joint operation of security operatives engaged suspected bandits/kidnappers in four different hideouts at Mansur, Digare, Gwana and Dajin Malam forests in Alkaleri."

Wakili said following the gun duel, 12 bandits were killed, while others escaped with possible gunshot wounds.

"As a result, weapons and motorcycles were recovered during the operation."

"The command is, however, intensifying efforts to apprehend the fleeing members of the gang."