

# Police kill three bandits, recovers AK-49, pump action guns in Zamfara

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THE Zamfara State police command Zamfara has killed three armed bandits and recovered Ak-49, Ak-103-2, pump action gun as new commissioner of police said he would review the existing crime fighting strategies in the state.

Addressing newsmen on Tuesday at the command's headquarters in Gusau, the state capital, CP Mohammed Bunu said the essence of the press briefing was to familiarise himself with partners in crime management and control in the state.

According to him, "On 3rd May, 2023, at about 1430hrs, a team of police operatives attached to Anti-Violence Squad while on surveillance patrol along Gusau - Tsafe road at Gidan Giye village in Tsafe local government area intercepted bandits on three motorcycles each carrying three persons. On sighting the police, the bandits engaged them in a gun duel which lasted for an hour.

"However, due to superior fighting power, the anti-violence squad neutralised two of the bandits and recovered one AK-49 rifle and one pump action gun while other bandits

escaped with possible gunshot wounds.

"Similarly, on 4th May, 2023 at about 1410hrs, Police Tactical operatives received a distress call that two armed men suspected to be bandits attacked a resident in Yardadi Village via Rini District of Bakura LGA of Zamfara State while on his way to Bakura town. On receiving the report, the DPO swiftly mobilised and led a striking force of the division, trailed the bandits and caught up with them at Yardadi Village.

"On sighting the police, the bandits also engaged them in a gun duel where the gallant policemen retaliated with superior fire, which as a result of that, one of the bandits was neutralised, while the other retreated and ran into the bush with gunshot wounds.

"One AK-103-2 rifle with one empty magazine were recovered while the victim was rescued and taken to the General Hospital Talata Mafara for medical attention and is now responding to treatment."

Bunu assured the people of the state of a thorough discharge of responsibilities in line with professional ethics of the force with justice and equity to all.