

# ③ Police reveal identity of bandit with constabulary link killed in Plateau

PLATEAU State police command has said one of the bandits killed by troops of Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) in Mangu Local Government Area of the state was a dismissed personnel of the Police Constabulary.

According to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Alfred Alabo gave the name of the bandit as Katzing Zwalnan Zingfa, who was dismissed a year ago and declared wanted.

Alabo said in a statement on Thursday in Jos that

Zingfa was among the three bandits who attempted to ambush troops of OPSH on the Mangun-Pushit-Mangu road, but were eliminated by the soldiers.

*NAN* reported that troops of the OPSH on Wednesday found a constabulary identity card on the bandit after the incident.

Alabo said the deceased hailed from Langtang North Local Government Area of the state and was trained as special constabulary.

"On completion of his training on November 23, 2020, he was posted to

Langtang North area command of the police and later to Langtang North division to carry out his duty of assisting the police in crime prevention and intelligence gathering.

"He absconded from duty for over a year and his character was already in question, and after several warnings, he was declared an absentee according to the first schedule 1990 and Section 107 of the Nigeria Police Act 2020.

"The area commander in Langtang also directed all divisional police officers

(DPOs) in the command to arrest him once found.

"The DPOs have been on the lookout for him until Wednesday, July 12, when troops of OPSH did a good job by neutralising him and two other bandits in Mangu," Alabo said.

According to the police spokesperson, the command distances itself from all criminal activities carried out by the deceased, and had been making efforts to track and retrieve all police properties in his possession before he was killed by OPSH troops.