

Police kill Abuja notorious kidnapper, Dogo Saleh

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THERE is relief for residents of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, as the police on Wednesday announced the killing of a notorious kidnapper, Dogo Saleh.

A statement by the FCT Police Public Relations Officer, SP Josephine Adeh, on Wednesday, said the command has recorded a major breakthrough in its fight against criminal elements terrorising the FCT and neighbouring states.

According to the statement: "In a well-coordinated intelligence-led operation, the FCT Police operatives killed a notorious bandit, Salisu Mohammed, alias Dogo Saleh, following an intense counter-kidnapping operation aimed at dismantling a syndicate responsible for violent crimes along the Kaduna-Lokoja-Enugu highway and within the FCT.

"On March 3, acting on credible intelligence regarding the movement of bandits into FCT, the Officer-in-Charge of the Anti-Kidnapping Unit led operatives to block their access routes. After meticulous tracking, the operatives successfully intercepted and arrested Salisu Mohammed at Gidan Abe Forest, while he was en route to Bwari Area Council, FCT".

Nigerian Tribune gathered that Salisu Mohammed, a 21-year-old man from Baban Saural village, Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State, was identified as a notorious hitman for bandit

leaders operating in Rijana Forest, Kaduna State.

He had terrorised communities along major highways, kidnapping unsuspecting victims and extorting huge ransoms.

During the operation, he attempted to evade arrest, abandoning his possessions including, an AK-49 rifle with two magazines, 60 rounds of 7.62mm live ammunition and N3,000,000 cash proceeds from previous kidnappings.

The FCT PPRO further said investigations revealed that the hoodlum had direct involvement in several high-profile kidnappings and killings, including Kyauta Village, Chikun Local Government, two individuals, including a security officer were kidnapped but later killed after ransom worth millions of Naira was collected.

Adeh further opined that the Commissioner of Police, FCT Command, Olatunji Disu, has commended the officers involved in the operation for their bravery, professionalism and tactical efficiency.

The police boss assured residents that operations are ongoing to track and apprehend the fleeing gang members and dismantle all criminal networks operating within the region.

He further reiterated the command's commitment to safeguarding lives and property, urging citizens to remain vigilant and support law enforcement efforts by providing timely and actionable intelligence.