

We killed 104 bandits in Zamfara –Police

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The Police Joint Operation Team has reportedly killed 104 bandits and destroyed their 50 hideouts in Zurmi Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

The operatives also recovered 500 cattle and 79 sheep during the operation in which a policeman lost his life.

The police spokesperson, acting DCP, Moshood Jimoh, in a statement in Abuja on Thursday night said the PJOT personnel had repelled an attack at Birnin Mogaji Village.

It said, “At about 1600hrs on November 29, the Police Joint Operation Team repelled ambush attacks from bandits at Birnin Mogaji Village, Zurmi LGA of Zamfara State and in the process killed 104 bandits and destroyed over 50 hideouts in three camps.

“They recovered over 500 cattle and 79 sheep from the bandits but unfortunately lost a policeman during the attacks. The Police team has restored normalcy and peace in the affected areas.”

Following the development, the Inspector-General of Police, Ibrahim Idris, has dispatched the Deputy Inspector-General, Department of Operations, Joshiak Habila, to Zamfara State to command and add fresh impetus to the operation.

The statement added that Habila had already arrived in Zamfara on Thursday night with additional personnel from the Special Forces personnel, Counter-Terrorism Unit, Police Mobile Force and Special Anti-Robbery Squad as well as three surveillance helicopters.

Sequel to their deployment in Zamfara on November 9, the statement explained that the PJOT had arrested over 85 suspects, recovered 27 AK47 rifles and 52 locally fabricated rifles and other dangerous weapons.

Also recovered were 269 cattle and 109 sheep, which had been handed over to their owners.