

Police kill four bandits on Lokoja-Abuja Road

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Four bandits terrorising travellers along the Lokoja-Gegu-Abaji Road were on Monday gunned down by security agents.

The bandits were killed during an exchange of fire with the men of the Nigeria Police and local vigilantes on Monday evening.

Four others were arrested, while four AK-47 rifles and several rounds of ammunition were recovered from them.

The Kogi State Governor, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, commended the efforts of the security operatives in combating crimes on the highways.

He equally praised the vigilante officers for their gallantry in foiling the antics of the bandits.

Bello described the dexterity of the combined security operatives as brave and sacrificial.

Speaking on Tuesday, the governor said he was aware of positive impact of community policing, adding that that was the reason his administration embarked on the recruitment and training of 6,000 vigilantes in 2017.

This initiative, he noted, had yielded tremendous results.

“Our investments in community policing by involving the people to police their community is now yielding very positive outcomes, and to sustain this gain, more of this initiative will be our lot as we strive to rid our state of crimes,” he said.

Bello said his administration would not relent in the fight against insecurity until all criminal elements in the state and those from outside were flushed out.

He reiterated his administration’s commitment to continue in its support for all security agencies in the state, as a way of enhancing their operations.