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Three bandits killed, AK47 rifles recovered in Katsina gun duel

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THE police in the early hours of Monday morning killed three bandits at Mararabar-

INEC mourns, loses three workers to Borno crash

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THE Independent National Electoral Commission was on Monday thrown to mourning following the death of three staff members in auto crash.

The victims of the crash were said to be an Electoral Officer and some Assistant Electoral Officers travelling from some local government areas to Maiduguri for a special training ahead of the conversion of voting points into polling units.

INEC National Commissioner and chairman (Information and Voter Education Committee), Festus Okoye, in a statement titled, 'Tragic accident involving staff of the commission', said the incident happened on Sunday.

He said, "The commission has received the sad report of a fatal road accident involving

Gombe communal

Gurbi in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State.

It was learnt that bandits were sighted along a cattle

route in the area with some rustled domestic animals around 4 am.

The Divisional Police Office, Kankara, was said to have led a

a number of its staff serving in Borno State.

"On Sunday, April 18, 2021, the Resident Electoral Commissioner for the State, Mohammed Ibrahim, informed the commission that an Electoral Officer and some Assistant Electoral Officers travelling from some local government areas to

Maiduguri for a special training ahead of the conversion of voting points into polling units were involved in the accident.

"Unfortunately, three staff; Adamu Mohammed (EO, Biu LGA), Abubakar Hamma Joda and Suleiman Umar (AEOs, Damboa LGA) lost their lives while five others sustained injuries."

team of policemen to confront the bandits, resulting in a gun duel.

The spokesman for the state Police Command, Gambo Isah, who confirmed the incident, said, "The hoodlums were intercepted and on sighting the police operatives; they engaged them in a gun duel, as a result of which three bandits were neutralised while others fled into the forest with possible gunshot wounds."

Isah also disclosed that one AK-49 Assault rifle, 170 sheep

and two motorcycles were recovered from the bandits.

Meanwhile, the police have also arrested two bandits, who allegedly mastermind the recent murder of one Alhaji Ibrahim Kwatahi of Jar-Garba village in Bakori Local Government Area of the state.

Isah who confirmed the development gave the names of the arrested suspects as Buhari Yusuf (25), and Usman Bammi (30), both of Unguwar Mai Kawo village, Kafur Local Government Area.

The police spokesman said, "On 18/04/2021 at about 08:30 hrs, based on credible intelligence, O/C Anti-Kidnapping Unit led a combined team of police operatives and vigilante group to Unguwar Mai Kawo forest, Bakori LGA, and raided bandits' hideout which led to the arrest of the duo of Buhari Yusuf and Usman Bammi, the notorious bandits that mastermind the killing of one Alhaji Ibrahim Fatahi of Jar-Garba village, Bakori."

The police also recovered two AK-47 rifles which the suspects reportedly confessed belonged to a member of the gang, one Babangida (now at large).

In a similar development, a 40-year-old man, one Ibrahim Ma'aruf, alleged to be an arms dealer was also arrested on Saturday.

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