

# 30 bandits, 10 villagers killed in Zamfara attack

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**T**HE Zamfara State Police Command says it has killed about 30 bandits who launched simultaneous attacks on some communities in the state, while 10 villagers lost their lives during the encounter on the early hours of Tuesday.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Mohammed Shehu, said in the early hours of Tuesday, the police received a distress call about the attacks on Gobirawa, Gora, Rini and Madoti Dankule villages of Maradun and Bakura local government areas.

He added that police units, including Operation Puff Adder, Special Forces and Police Mobile Force went to the areas and engaged the attackers to a gun duel.

Shehu said, "As a result of the encounter, about 30 hoodlums were neutralised, while others escaped to the forest with a possible gunshot wounds.

"In the course of chasing the

assailants out of the villages, the operatives discovered about 10 corpses of the villagers at the different theatre of engagements.

"Mop up operation is ongoing with a view to arresting the perpetrators of the dastardly act."

**Bandits kill Zamfara Chief Imam, other**

Meanwhile, the Chief Imam of Kwangwami village in the Zurmi

LGA of Zamfara State, Malam Auwalu, and one other person have lost their lives when the bandits invaded the village.

An eyewitness, who pleaded not to be named said the bandits who were on motorcycles stormed the village on Monday and started shooting, during which a stray bullet hit the imam.

He added that the bandits also

rustled animals, carted away valuable items and destroyed farmlands.

He said, "The Chief Imam Liman Auwalu was hit by a stray bullet while the other person, Hamisu Bako, was shot dead on his farm."

Shehu said, "Our men have been deployed in the area to arrest the perpetrators.

## Nine fleeing Owerri inmates nabbed in Ghana

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**N**INE suspected inmates of Owerri Custodial Centre have been apprehended in the Adah Foah area of Ghana.

The police in Ghana confirmed the development to an online news site, MyNewsGh.com.

It explained that the Ada District Police Command, which confirmed the arrest, said it received information that some Nigerians believed to be fugitive jail breakers were ferried across River Volta into Ada Foah and were preparing to go to Accra.

The police subsequently proceeded to Ada Foah, where they intercepted a bus with number plate, ER 1657-14, conveying the suspected prisoners, including a female.

The suspects were identified as Emmanuel Chiedozi, 27; Steve Eyenuku, 33; Enebeli Lucky, 29; Yommi Usmah, 29; Kelli Ekureni, 33; Freedom Yusuf, 25; Obi Onuora, 38; Patrick Chanar, 47; and Bless Eyenuku, 25.

Items found on them include cash, personal belongings, passports, identity cards and local currency.

The suspects who are still in police custody would be handed over to the Ghana Immigration Service.

Our correspondent had reported that 125 inmates who escaped from the Owerri custodial centre on April 5, during an attack on the facility by gunmen, had voluntarily returned to custody.

The Nigerian Correctional Service spokesman, Francis Enobore, could not be reached on Tuesday on the nine inmates arrested by the Ghanaian police.