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Police ambush invading bandits in Katsina, kill five

Olaide Oyelude, Katsina

FIVE bandits were confirmed killed on Wednesday evening during an encounter between their gang and the police in Kurfi Local Government Area of Katsina state.

Sources revealed that the bandits numbering over 150 had stormed Wurma and Yarbudu villages in the council.

A team of riot policemen stationed at Wurma village, however, reportedly confronted the bandits to repel the invasion.

Police sources said one bandit died in the fierce encounter which ensued.

It was further learnt that another police team led by the Area Commander, Dutsin-ma blocked the exit route of the fleeing bandits at Yarbudu village resulting in another fierce encounter between the police team and the bandits.

Four bandits died in the encounter while others were said to have fled into the forest with various gunshot wounds.

The spokesman for the Katsina Police Command, Gambo Isah, confirmed the incident on Thursday.

He said the police also recovered six of the motorcycles used by the bandits during the invasion.

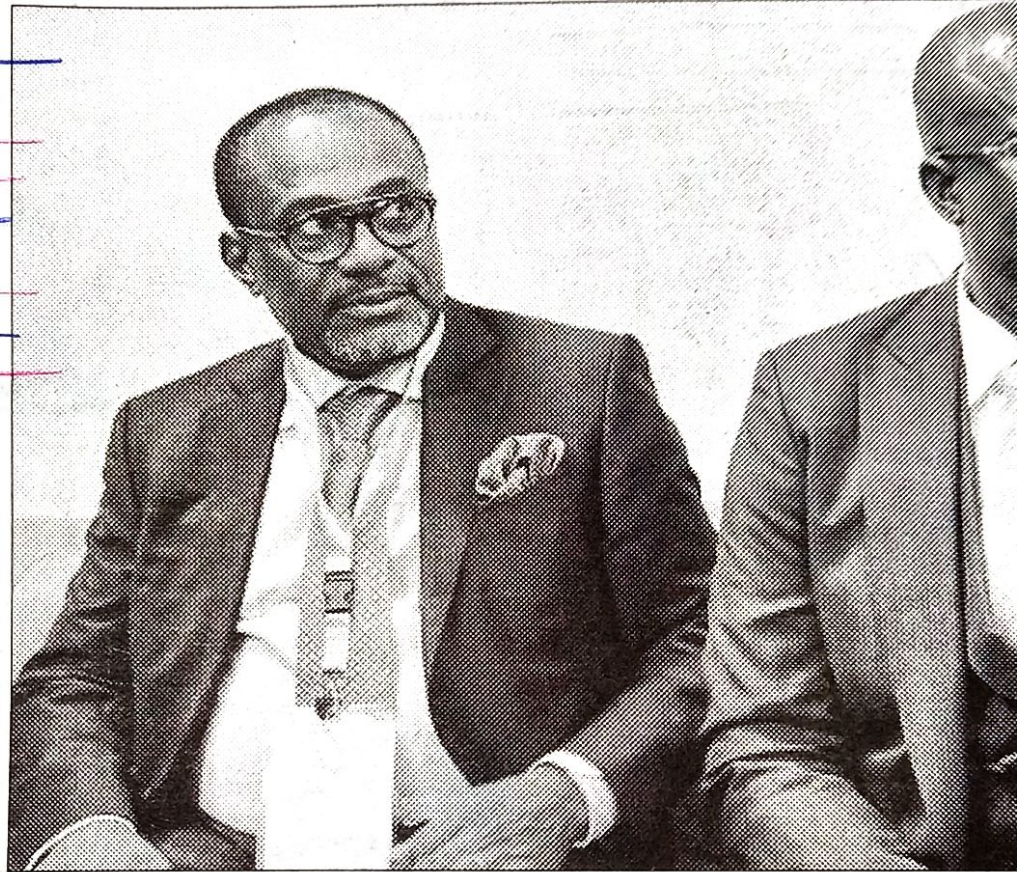
Isah explained, "A team of Police Mobile Force personnel stationed at Wurma village engaged the hoodlums in a fierce gun battle and repelled their attack. One was neutralised and many escaped with gunshots wounds. One operational motorcycle of the bandits was

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• L-R: Executive Secretary, Nigeria Content Management Association, Chief Timipre Sylva; and a representative at a conference on Local Content in Africa, in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State

CAN advocates removal of immunity

Friday Olokor, Abuja

THE Christian Association of Nigeria on Thursday called on the National Assembly to amend Section 308 of the 1999 Constitution, which provides immunity for the President, vice-president, governors and deputy governors from facing prosecution while in office.

The organisation also demanded the maintenance of the secularity of Nigeria by

removing any provision for religion "or if need be, insert also constitutional provisions for Ecclesiastical Courts."

The General Secretary of CAN, Joseph Daramola; and Director, National and Legal Issues, Comfort Chigbue, stated this during a conference on the review of the 1999 constitution in Abuja.

CAN said the immunity clause had given room for criminals to perpetrate evil agenda against the country.

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