

Katsina police lose officers, kill two bandits in gun duel

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The Katsina State Command of the Nigeria Police on Thursday night lost two officers in a fierce encounter with bandits.

Operatives of the command also killed two bandits in the encounter which took place in a bush near Baure village, Safana Local Government Area of the state.

The operatives were also able to recover one AK 47 rifle and two unregistered motorcycles from the bandits.

The state Police Commissioner, Samusi Buba, confirmed the incident at a press conference in Katsina on Friday.

He gave the names of the deceased officers as ASP Yakubu Joshua attached to 27 Police Mobile Force, Katsina and Sergeant Zaharadeen Yuguda attached to Safana Division.

The police commissioner explained, "On November 18, based on credible intelligence, Area Commander, Dutsin-ma, ACP Aminu Umar, led a combined team of policemen and vigilante to bandits' hideout at Baure village, Safana Local Government Area of Katsina State and engaged the bandits into a fierce gun duel.

"The team succeeded in dislodging the bandits, killed two notorious bandits and recovered one AK 47 rifle with 35 rounds of 7.62 mm live ammunition of AK 47 rifle.

"Sadly, two gallant police officers, ASP Yakubu Joshua, attached to 27, Police Mobile Force, Katsina and Sgt. Zaharadeen Yuguda attached to Safana Division paid the supreme price and died in a cross fire."

He urged residents of the state to always volunteer credible information on the activities of criminals to security agencies with a view to making the state crime free.