

# ② Policeman, Nasarawa bandits die in gun battle

Collins Sunday, Lafia

A police Inspector, Yusuf Jafaru, has been reportedly killed during a gun duel between cops and bandits along the Akwanga-Jos road in Nasarawa State.

Our correspondent gathered that the incident which claimed two occurred on Wednesday in Nunku town in the Akwanga Local Government Area of the state.

The gunmen opened fire on five cops who were on patrol in the area.

The corpse of the slain policeman was deposited at the General Hospital, Akwanga and corpses of the bandits dumped at the police station in Akwanga town.

Confirming the incident to our correspondent in Lafia on Friday, the state police spokesperson, DSP Ramhan Nansel, said, "What happened in Akwanga was that on January 4, 2023, at about 9pm, our operatives deployed to Akwanga-Jos road precisely around Nunku were attacked by some hoodlums. They were however repelled by the police operatives. Two of the attackers were gunned down



• Nassarawa CP, Baba

but unfortunately, one police inspector paid the supreme price.

## Three teenagers arraigned for stealing

Three students, Kolawole Akinsoto, 16, Ayolere Oluwole, 16 and Abayomi Ogungbire, 15 were on Friday docked in an Okitipupa Chief Magistrates' Court in Ondo State for allegedly stealing beverages worth N520,000.

The News Agency of Nigeria reported that the police charged the defendants, whose addresses were not given with felony, burglary and theft.

The Prosecution Counsel, ASP

"Consequently, police operatives and re-enforcement were deployed to the scene by the Commissioner of Police, Maiyaki Baba, and we are working round-the-clock to track down the surviving hoodlums because as two of them were gunned down, others scampered into the forest with gunshot wounds."

Calling on members of the public to go about their lawful business without any fear, the police spokesperson appealed to residents of Akwanga, Nunku and adjoining areas to watch out for people nursing gunshot injuries and report such persons to the nearest police station.

Zedekiah Orogbemi, told the court that the defendants on November 15, 2022 around 6am at Irepodun Street, Ayeka in the Okitipupa magisterial district, conspired to commit felony and theft.

Orogbemi said that the defendants broke into a beverage shop belonging to Ms Mercy Obolo and stole parks of bottled coke, cartoon of detergents, tomato paste and other beverages worth N520,000. Orogbemi added that the offence contravene the