## Police kill two bandits in Benue

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A Nigerian policeman

Policemen in Benue State have killed two suspected bandits in the Katsina-Ala Local Government Area of Benue State.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene, told our correspondent that men of Operation Zenda invaded the hideout of the bandits located at Tse Uza, Mbatyula Council Ward in Katsina-Ala LGA on Sunday.

She said, "Upon arrival at the camp, bandits engaged the police in a gun duel to resist invasion into their camp but were overpowered by the superior firepower of the police team.

"Two of the bandits received gunshot injuries, they have been confirmed dead by a doctor and their corpses deposited at the General Hospital, Ukum while other suspects escaped.

Anene listed the exhibits recovered from the camps to include: Two pistols loaded with ammunition, three locally made short guns, 13 motorcycles, camouflage uniforms, six walkie-talkies, one Toyota Corolla and one tricycle.

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The spokesperson said the command had intensified efforts to clamp down on bandits in the Sankera area of the state in the last three months.

She added that several operations carried out in the area had led to the arrest of suspects that had been charged to court while others were neutralised in the course of the exchange of firearms, noting that ammunition had been recovered and many camps dislodged.

Anene said that the Commissioner of Police in the state, Hassan Yabanet, commended the bravery exhibited by the officers and at the same time enjoined the people of Sankera to make available useful information to the police about suspects at large who might be seen with gunshot injuries.

The Sankera area which comprises Logo, Katsina-Ala and Ukum LGAs, is the flashpoint of criminality in the state.