## One killed as police battle bandits in Benue

13th July 2025



By John Charles

Police operatives in Benue State have foiled an attack in Ukum Local Government Area, killing one bandit in the process.

The spokesperson for the state command, Udeme Edet, said in a statement on Saturday that the incident occurred on Friday at about 1:43 pm.

Edet, noted that the police engaged the bandits in a gun duel while robbing villages along Kendev/Zaki Biam road, Ukum Local Government Area of the state.

He said one of the bandit's kingpins, Awase Ankyunyo alias Abi Doka, sustained gunshot injuries and later died at the hospital.

## **Related News**

'We were in the same hospital,' Abdulsalami recounts Buhari's final moments

Tinubu constitutes committee for Buhari's funeral

## Tinubu's special FEC for Buhari postponed due to funeral in Daura

The PPRO said, "On July 11, 2025, at approximately 13:43 hours, the police received credible intelligence about bandits robbing villagers along the Kendev/Zaki Biam road. The police immediately swung into action and deployed patrol and tactical teams which ambushed the bandits.

"A fierce gunfire exchange ensued, resulting in one bandit, Awase Ankyunyo alias Abi Doka, being fatally wounded. An AK-47 rifle with live ammunition was recovered from him. The bandit was confirmed dead upon arrival at the hospital, while others escaped with gunshot injuries towards the Chito axis."

"The Commissioner of Police, Ifenayi Emenary, commended the officers for their swift response and reiterated the command's commitment to protecting lives and property in the state."