...Foil bandits' attack, kill 1, recover AK47 in Kebbi

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Police tactical team, in synergy with the Nigerian Army and local vigilantes in Kebbi State, foiled bandits' attack, neutralised one and recovered one AK47 rifle in Augie Local Government Area of the state.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Police Command in the state, SP, Nafi'u Abubakar, made the disclosure in a statement in Birnin Kebbi, yesterday.

He said the command received information that, on Saturday, at about 3am, bandits in their large numbers invaded Tiggi village in Augie Local Governments Area of the state.

"On receipt of the report, the police tactical teams deployed in the area, in collaboration with the army and local vigilantes, were immediately mobilised to the scene and engaged the bandits to a gun duel.

"As a result, one of the bandits was neutralised and many escaped with fatal gun wounds. However, one AK 47 rifle was also recovered."

The statement also said the Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Magaji-Kontagora, reiterated the command's readiness and determination to secure the border communities and the state against banditry.

"He commended the courage and gallant performances of the police tactical teams, army and local vigilantes in their onslaught against criminal elements." it said.

The statement appealed to the people of state to continue to support and cooperate with the police and other security agencies, to reduce crimes to the barest minimum in the state.