

Police neutralize 6 bandits, arrest robbers, others in Benue

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THE Benue State Police Command has neutralized six bandits in Logo Local Government Area of Benue State.

The police also arrested suspected armed robbers and a suspected kidnapper and cattle rustler in the state.

Benue State Commissioner of Police Hassan Yabanet disclosed this in a statement signed by the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Catherine Anene, in Makurdi on Monday.

The commissioner said, "Following intelligence received about a bandit camp at Mbavuur ward, Logo, a team of Operation Zenda JTF stormed the camp on July 27, 2024, and engaged the militia group in a gun duel.

"During the operation, six bandits were neutralized while others escaped."

He said the corpses were recovered and deposited at NKST Ugba morgue, while other fleeing suspects were being trailed.

According to Yabanet, one AK-47 rifle and two locally fabricated shotguns loaded with ammunition were recovered.

The CP said the police also arrested suspected armed robbers, explaining

that: "On July 18, 2024, at about 1130 hours, one Tersoo Dabo, male, 22 years, of Udei, was trailed and arrested in connection with robberies along Makurdi-Lafia road.

"The suspect confessed to being part of a seven-man gang operating along the highway."

He said further investi-

Soldiers kill 1, arrest 3 others during robbery in Ebonyi

From **Uchenna Inya,**
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SOLDIERS of the Nigerian Army have gunned down a robbery suspect during an incident on the ever-busy Afikpo/Abaomege/Akpoha highway in Ebonyi State and arrested three others.

The robbery suspects were reported to be part of a gang that had been terrorizing motorists and commuters along the Abomeghe/Akpoha axis of the highway.

However, luck ran out for the suspects yesterday morning after troops of the Nigerian Army killed one and arrested three of them.

A brief video circulating on social media monitored by Daily Sun captured the scene where travellers and natives attempted to get a glimpse of the suspects.

gation led to the arrest of Martin Akunu, 37 years old, of Udei town, the spiritual leader of the said gang who fortifies them before going out for operations.

He said one locally made double-barrel gun, 162 balls suspected to be pellets and gunpowder were found in his possession.

The onlookers were celebrating the troops for gallantry as they prepared to take away the suspects.

Ebonyi State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Joshua Ukandu, said information on the development was still sketchy, as the headquarters was waiting for a detailed report from the Divisional Police Officer in the Abomeghe Police Division.

"I have not been able to get anything conclusive, the DPO for Abomeghe confirmed getting information on that, but doesn't have details. So, I don't have any details to give," he said.

Chairman-elect of Onicha Local Government Area, Ogbofia Ikechukwu, said he received a call that armed robbers were operating along the highway and immediately contacted the military, who

Also, in the words of Yabanet, "On July 28, 2024, at about 1000 hours, a police patrol team at Daudu arrested a suspected kidnapper, one Usman Hardo of Keana, who has been on the wanted list for kidnapping and cattle rustling in Nasarawa State and Guma Local Government Area of Benue State."

He said an investigation was ongoing to arrest other gang members.

CP Yabanet commended the people of Benue State for their continuous support to the police and resilience in fighting crime, assuring them that the command under his watch was committed to ridding the state of criminality.

stormed the scene.

He enthused that the days of insecurity and criminality were over in the area.

One road user, Onyebuchi Chima, said the Abaomege/Akpoha axis of the expressway had become a death trap, which was aiding robbers in their operation.

He noted that he had to hurry about his tasks in

Abakaliki, the state capital, to beat the evening time that the robbers usually operated on the road.

"These guys stopped me from finishing my beer in Abakaliki yesterday. I rushed down to Ehugbo to beat their evening service. However, from Abaomege to Timber Shed, Afikpo, is a death trap. The road is impassable," he told Daily Sun.

EFCC arrests 9 suspected fraudsters in Abuja

THE Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Abuja Zonal Directorate, has arrested nine suspected internet-related fraud.

They were arrested yesterday, at Wuye axis of Abuja following credible intelligence on their suspected involvement in

internet-related fraud. According to EFCC's Head, Media & Publicity, Dele Oyewale, "Items recovered from them include 19 phones, one car, four laptops and one iPad.

"The suspects will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded".