

Police rescue 5 kidnap victims, kill 2 in Katsina

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THE Katsina State Police command on Sunday, rescued five victims from their abductors at Layin Minister village, Malumfashi Local Government Area of the state.

A statement by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Abubakar Sadiq Aliyu, said the rescue followed a distress call from the community over an invasion by a group of bandits.

According to the PPRO, "on August 25, 2024, a distress call was received at the Malumfashi divisional police headquarters about bandits' attack on Layin Minister Village, kidnapping five people.

"Upon receipt of the report, operatives were quickly dispatched to the scene.

"On noticing the presence of the police, the hoodlums opened fire on the operatives and the police team responded gallantly.

"All the kidnap victims were successfully rescued unhurt as the assailants succumbed to the superior fire power of the operatives and fled the scene with various degrees of bullet injuries.

"Additionally, on the same date, a distress call was received at Malumfashi divisional police headquarters

that some suspected armed bandits riding on 12 motorcycles, wielding dangerous weapons, shooting sporadically, taking advantage of the heavy downpour, attacked Marabar Kankara village.

"On receipt of the information, the DPO Malumfashi swiftly mobilized operatives and responded to the scene.

Firm donates 3 drones to tackle insecurity in Ondo, Ekiti

THE Boing Luxury Estate has donated three drones to the Zone 17 Police Command, comprising Ondo and Ekiti states to tackle insecurity in the zone.

Presenting the drones to the Assistant Inspector-General of Police (AIG) in-charge of the Zone, Mr Abiodun Asabi, in Akure, Ondo state, Mr Ory Akinseloyin, managing director of the company, said crime fighting should be everybody's concern.

He said that the drones would be shared among Ekiti and Ondo State police commands, and Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Ondo state.

Akinseloyin stated that the company felt that there was need to give to the society as it was marking the 10th anniversary of doing business in Ondo state.

"We are of the opinion of giving back to the society that has done so much for us as we are

"The team gallantly engaged the hoodlums in a fierce gun duel and successfully foiled the attack.

"In the course of scanning the scene, bodies of two neutralised suspected bandits were recovered.

"Efforts are being intensified to ensure the arrest of the fleeing suspects as investiga-

tions proceed.

"The Commissioner of Police, CP Aliyu Abubakar Musa, while commending the exceptional act of gallantry displayed by the operatives, reiterates the command's commitment towards ensuring a better-secured Katsina state."

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"This is a way of helping the security agencies in the modern and recent ways of fighting crime. This is our corporate social responsibility," he said.

Akinseloyin said that the security situation in the country was alarming, hence the need for everybody to play his or her little ways in supporting security agencies in the country.

He appealed to well-to-do individuals in the zone to contribute their own quota and make the zone safe for all.

According to him, "it is the use of technology and ICT that is helping the other climes to combat insecurity.

"In this contemporary time, policing has gone beyond relying on manpower and AK 47. We have enough of AK 47 rifles but we cannot fight crime. So, there is a need for the trend," he stated.

He added that the company was ready to train six personnel from police and NSCDC on logistics and required information on how the drones could be optimally utilized.

"I want to assure you that we are not just giving drones, we are giving much more than that. I am advising Ekiti, Ondo police commands and the NSCDC in Ondo state to nominate two officers with basic ICT knowledge.

"In two days, they will be able to fly these drones, capture images, process images and other necessary things accordingly," he said.

Akinseloyin said that after six months, if the drones were being used judiciously, the company would provide more, stating that each divisional police office in the zone and each patrol van for distress call would have drones.

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