

# Police rescue 207 kidnapped kids, foil attacks in Kogi, Katsina, kill 11 bandits

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**THE** Police have foiled multiple bandits attacks in several states of the federation at the weekend resulting in the killing of eleven bandits/terrorists in Kogi and Katsina states.

Force Public Relations Officer FPRO (ACP) Olumiyiwa Adejobi, also said that the police rescued a total of 207 kidnapped children from Ondo and other states in its ongoing operation against human traffickers and recovered several arms and ammunitions from the criminals.

Adejobi, in a statement, reads; "On January 18, 2025, Police operatives attached to the Kogi State Command got information of a group of armed bandits holding a strategic meeting for possible attack at a forest in Budon, Kogi State

"Gallant operatives of the

Command were mobilized and deployed to the scene. Upon sighting the police operatives, the bandits engaged the operatives in a fierce gun duel. Fortunately, the bandits were overpowered, with one bandit neutralized and four others arrested. The operatives also recovered 1 AK-47 rifle, 2 magazines, 30 rounds of live ammunition and 2 motorcycles.

"Similarly, on same January 18, 2025, a distress call was received at the Dutsinma Divisional Police Headquarters, Katsina state, that some suspected bandits, armed with dangerous weapons, were headed to attack Ruwan Doruwa Village, Dutsinma LGA of the state. Upon receipt of this call, Police operatives in collaboration with other security agencies mobilized, intercepted the armed bandits and engaged them in a fierce gun battle ultimately leading to the neutralization of seven of the

bandits, with the rest of the gang fleeing and abandoning 109 livestock suspected to be rustled animals.

He said, "In a significant development, the Nigeria Police Force has escalated its initiatives to combat human trafficking and the operation of illegal baby factories, successfully rescuing more than 207 abducted children from suspected traffickers nationwide. A significant breakthrough was achieved with the arrest of a syndicate involved in child abduction and trafficking by the Ondo atate police command, following intelligence regarding a missing child at Okuta Elerin-Nla, Akure. The operatives apprehended members of the syndicate, identified as :Abosedo Olanipekun , Lukman Isiaka, and Sabira Izuorah , and rescued 14 children between the ages of 1 week – 7 years old.

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