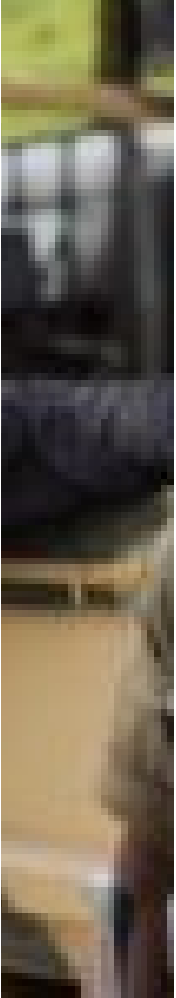


Police neutralise 3 bandits in Benue, recover arms in Delta

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The Benue State Police Command has shot dead three suspected Bandits who were planning to launch attack on a community.

According to Force Public Relations Officer(FPRO), ACP Olumuyiwa Adejobi,

“The Benue State Police Command has demonstrated its proactive capabilities in a recent operation targeting banditry. On May 3, 2025, acting on credible intelligence, Police operatives attached to the Benue state Command engaged in a gun battle, a group of bandits suspected to be from Shitele and Ukum, who were holding secret meetings at Sankera, planning attacks against security

operatives in the area. During the fierce gun duel near Tse-Gondo axis, three bandits sustained fatal gunshot injuries and were later confirmed dead at the hospital. The operatives recovered several exhibits from the scene, including two locally fabricated guns and some live cartridges.

“Similarly, operatives of the Delta State Command CP Special Assignment team arrested one Henry Okpor, a serial car snatcher, on April 22, 2025. A pump-action gun, a Toyota Highlander with registration number No. RBC-414-BL), and a Hyundai car (LSD-367-DU, believed to be stolen, were recovered from him.

“The Command has also shown strides in suppressing cultism. On April 25, 2025, a sting operation by the CP Special Assignment team led to the apprehension of Mudiaga Okparume and Arinze Humble, confirmed members of the Vikings confraternity. The operatives recovered two Beretta pistols and five rounds of live ammunition.

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“Furthermore, in a swift response to a kidnapping incident reported on April 26, 2025, where two persons in Agbarho were kidnapped, operatives of the state command mobilized and trailed the suspects to Uvwiamia forest in the Ughelli North LGA, where the operatives successfully rescued the two victims during an intense operation. Nine suspects were also apprehended, and a cache of weapons was recovered, including three pump-action guns, three double/single-barrel guns, one locally made gun, and thirteen rounds of live cartridges.

“These successful operations are a testament to the dedication and proactive measures taken by the Nigeria Police Force to combat violent crimes. The Force remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all citizens through intelligence-led policing, community engagement, and swift response to report of criminal activities.

“ All the suspects would be charged to court upon conclusion of various investigations.

“ Nigeria Police Force has continued to make substantial progress through proactive policing strategies, in separate operations against criminal elements, resulting in the neutralization of notorious bandits, recovery of firearms and stolen vehicles, and the arrest of numerous suspects involved in kidnapping, cultism, and armed robbery.

“The Inspector-General of Police, IGP Kayode Adeolu Egbetokun, has therefore, commended the efforts of the gallant operatives and assured members of the public that the Force would leave no stone unturned in ensuring the safety and security of all citizens and residents within the country.”