

# Bandit kingpin's son dies after shootout, say police



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Police in Zamfara State said a notorious bandit, Zoaka Buhari, who is the son of a kingpin, the late Buharin Daji, had died in the hospital. Zoaka was arrested recently for banditry. The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Mohammed Shehu, said in a statement that Zoaka, who was shot and arrested by the police during a foiled attack on Gobirawa Chali village in Maru Local Government Area last Monday, died while receiving treatment at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Gusau.

The PPRO added that the notorious bandit was paraded recently after the arrest by the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Kenneth Ebirison, where an AK47 rifle and 79 rounds of live 7.62mm ammunition recovered from him were showcased.

Shehu also debunked media reports that youths attacked a police station in Zurmi and set a patrol vehicle on fire. The police image maker said that the report was completely untrue. He said: "On Saturday about 4p.m., three bandits, suspected to have attacked Kodi village in Zurmi Local Government Area on Friday were arrested in their vehicle by the police.

“When the news of their arrest got to the IDP Camp in Zurmi town, the youth mobilised in their hundreds to the police station to lynch the suspects, but the DPO quickly moved the suspects to Kaura-Namoda Area Command where they were successfully detained undergoing interrogation.”

The PPRO added that the angry youth set ablaze the suspects’ vehicle that was impounded, including the two motorcycles kept at the station. According to him, normalcy has since been restored as the IDPs were professionally and peacefully moved back to the camp to reduce tension.