

Kogi: Four kidnappers killed in shootout with police, vigilantes

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Four bandits, believed to be kidnappers, were killed on the Lokoja-Gegu-Abaji Road in Kogi State during a shootout with men policemen and local vigilantes on Monday evening.

The police also arrested four others with 4four AK47 rifles and several rounds of ammunition while engaging in kidnapping and robbery on Lokoja-Abaji Road.

This came as Governor Yahaya Bello has commended efforts of the security operatives in combating crimes on the highways.

The governor eulogised the vigilant personnel for their gallantry in foiling the daring antics of undesirable elements on the Lokoja-Gegu-Abaji Road who took to the highway to attack travellers. He described the dexterity of the

combined security architecture as brave and sacrificial.

The governor, who disclosed this while addressing journalists yesterday, said he was aware of positive impact of community policing, reason his administration embarked on the recruitment and training of 6,000 vigilantes in 2017 for community policing, noting such initiative had yielded tremendous result.

He said: “Our investments in community policing by involving the people to police their community is now yielding very positive outcome. To sustain this gain, more of this initiative will be our lot as we strive to rid our state of crimes.”

Bello said he would not surrender in the war his administration had waged against insecurity until all criminal elements in the state and those who came into the state to torment crimes were flushed out.

He reiterated his administration commitment to continue to support all security agencies in the state to enhance their operations.