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## Police kill bandit, recover AK47 in Zamfara

March 12, 2020 Ibrahim Sidi Muh'd



Police said they had foiled an attack by bandits on Maitagway village in Tsafe Local Government Area of Zamfara State on Tuesday.

The state Commissioner of Police, Usman Nagogo, who disclosed this, said his men killed one of the bandits during an exchange of fire.

Nagogo spoke at a press conference held at the state Police Command Headquarters, Gusau.

The commissioner said the Divisional Police Headquarters in charge of Tsafe received information and quickly mobilised men to the village.

He said: "With the receipt of the information that bandits have stormed Maitagway village under Yandoto district, our men on standby and some vigilantes did not hesitate to move there and engage the bandits.

"In the ensuing encounter, one of the bandits was killed. His AK47 rifle used in perpetrating the crime was recovered along with the corpse, while other bandits were forced to take to their heels."

Nagogo also his men also arrested two other suspects, Bello Sani and Auwal Hassan.

According to him, the suspects were arrested after they pasted letters on the houses of Gyalange village head and the ward councillor in Gummi local Government Area.

He said: "The letter contains a message threatening that N3 million must be raised within three days failure of which the whole community would be wiped out. A phone number was inscribed through which the contact would be made for the delivery of the money.

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“We used the phone number and the suspect was eventually arrested. After his confessional statement, his accomplice, Auwal Hassan, was also arrested. It is important to note that people have been thinking that threatening letters of this kind were from bandits in the forest.”

“But this particular arrest proved otherwise. The first arrested suspect, Bello Sani, was one time a wealthy individual in the community, but when his fortunes dwindled, he decided to raise capital from the same village he came from by pasting threatening letters.”

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