

Police kill scores of bandits in Zamfara

The Police Command in Zamfara State yesterday said several bandits were neutralised in the state on Saturday night, when criminals attempted to attack Magami village of Gusau Local Government Area.

A statement signed by the command's Police Public Relations Officer (PRO), SP Shehu Mohammed, in Gusau, confirmed the neutralisation and cited by the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

He said: "Yesterday night, the command received a report that bandits in their large numbers stormed Magami town in Gusau LGA with intent to attack the community.

"The Commissioner of Police, CP Hussaini Rabi'u, directed Police Tactical units, comprising of PMF/CTU/Special forces and Operation Puff Adder based in the area to synergise and ensure protection of lives and property of the people.

"The tactical units moved in courageously and engaged the assailants to a gun duel. As a result of the encounter, the attack was successfully repelled, while unspecified number of bandits were neutralised with many of them escaping with possible gun shot wounds."

He, however, said: "Two of our their operatives paid the supreme price while defending the innocent members of the communities, but there was no loss of live in the communities."

He also disclosed that the CP had further deployed additional tactical operatives to the area to complement ongoing bush combing operations aimed at forestalling further attacks on the nearby villages.

"The CP reiterates his warning to all recalcitrant bandits in the state to either surrender their arms and embrace peace or face the consequences of their actions."