

① Police kill 2 bandits, recover 2 rifles in Kaduna

The Police Command in Kaduna State said its operatives have killed two bandits and recovered two AK 47 assault rifles in the Birnin Gwari axis, on Tuesday.

Spokesperson of the command, ASP Mohammed Jalige, confirmed the development in a statement he issued yesterday in Kaduna.

Jalige said: "In furtherance to its sustained onslaught against banditry in Kaduna, particularly Birnin Gwari axis, the command on Tuesday May 31, recorded another success.

"This involved neutralising two bandits and recovering two AK 47 assault rifles, while several other bandits sustained bullet wounds."

According to him, the operation followed a distress information received on the same date, at about 1600hrs that some bandits, in large numbers, had attacked Kimdi village, of Birnin Gwari LGA, "in their ignoble mission to kidnap people."

"The Command immediately dispatched a nearby team of crack operatives to the location to repel the attackers and an exchange of fire ensued, where two of the bandits were neutralised and two AK 47 assault rifles recovered.

"The command is not unmindful of the security challenges, particularly around Birnin Gwari axis, and alongside the state government and other security agencies, the command is working to contain bandits.

"This is to ensure that the sanctity of human lives is adequately protected at all times."

He explained that the recent successes recorded by the command and other sister agencies attested to the fact that "no effort is spared in prosecuting the war against criminal elements."

Jalige said the Commissioner of Police (CP), Mr Yekini Ayoku, has called on all stakeholders and communities concerned to exercise restraint.

He reiterated that, "security is undoubtedly everybody's business, but unguarded communication has the potential to mar the ongoing concerted efforts being made to reduce the negative impact of these challenges.