

Security kills suspected kidnap kingpin, 8 others, apprehend 5 in Katsina

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The Special forces of the Civilian Joint Task Force in Batsari Local Government Area of Katsina State have ambushed and killed the notorious bandits, leader popularly known as Solar and eight other members of his gang and arrested five others.

New telegraph gathered that the terrorists invaded the town around 4:30pm on Sunday, September 11, shortly after the evening prayers, riding on 10 motorcycles and wielding sophisticated weapons.

While narrating the development to newsmen, an anonymous source in Batsari said, the Civilian JTF from Borno who came to Katsina to assist in defeating the terrorists, in conjunction with the locals confronted the terrorists, thereby halting their planned attack. He said among those killed is a notorious bandit leader identified simply as 'Solar' (meaning operators in the day time).

It was gathered that the bandit leader and his members who had been terrorising Katsina metropolis Katsina, Jibia and Batsari roads are behind the recent KTSTA bus attack which claimed three lives and involved in uncountable number of kidnap.

The source, said the residents of Batsari are jubilating after the foiled attack and that is why they made a show of the success of the severed heads of some of the terrorists and paraded those arrested.

However, when contacted for clarification, the spokesman for the State Police Command, SP Gambo

Isah said the DPO for Batsari Area Command informed them that only two bandits were killed, four motorcycles and four AK-47 were recovered.

He said, he had no knowledge, whether the notorious kidnapper 'Solar' was among the bandits killed.

Delta: Police foil robbery, recover AK-47, ammunition

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Detectives attached to Delta State Police Command have foiled a robbery attempt in the state.

It was learnt that the Command's CP-Decoy Squad received a distress call on September 11, about 4:30pm from Hausa Market in Asaba, about some suspicious looking persons using a tricycle in the area.

The detectives from the Command were detailed to the area where the hoodlums on sighting the Police abandoned their defaced tricycle and took to their heels.

In a statement yesterday, the Police Public Relations Officer

(PPRO), DSP Bright Edafe said during a thorough search of the suspects tricycle, a fabricated AK 47 rifle, twelve rounds of 9mm live ammunition and twenty-three live cartridges all concealed in black polythene bag and hidden beneath the rear passenger's seat were recovered.

He said efforts are being intensified in collaboration with local vigilances to arrest the fleeing suspects.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, CP Muhammed Ali, appreciated the efforts of the residents of the state who always avail the Command with useful information that aids in crime fighting and urges them to continue to collaborate with the Command, noting that crime has no jurisdiction.