

Police kill 7 bandits, arrest 18 in Niger

The Niger State Police Command has killed seven suspected bandits in Kumbashi village of Mariga Local Government Area of the state.

Mr Ogundele Ayodeji, the Commissioner of Police in the state, in a statement confirmed this to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Minna yesterday.

"We received intelligent reports on planned attack by the bandits on Kumbashi village and mobilised our personnel for prompt security action," he said.

He said that Police tactical teams and local vigi-



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lance/hunters stationed at Kumbashi town engaged the bandits in a shootout and seven of the hoodlums

were neutralised, while others escaped with gunshot injuries.

Ayodeji regretted that two members of the vigilance group sustained bullet wounds and were taken to the Kontagora General Hospital for treatment.

Similarly, the Police command has arrested 17 suspected miscreants in different parts of Chanchaga and Bosso Local Government Areas of the state.

He said on Nov. 5, some miscreants around Angwan-Daji and Limawa areas engaged themselves in a fight with dangerous weapons, and as a result one Ashiru Tofa of Limawa area was stabbed to death.

Ayodeji said a combined team of police operatives mobilised from Area Commander and A Division, arrested 17 suspected miscreants at Angwan-Daji and Limawa areas.

He explained that the police arrested a notorious handset snatcher/thug, one Umar Aminu a.k.a Ogobin of Limawa, who usually disguised himself as a tricycle rider to rob victims of their personal belongings.

...parade 6 for allegedly performing ritual at Edo State Secretariat

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The Edo State Police Command, yesterday, paraded six persons for allegedly performing ritual at the Edo State Secretariat, on Sapele Road, Benin City.

The suspects are Wilson Imasuen, Collins Ojo and four others.

Addressing newsmen during their parade, the Public Relations Officer of the command, SP Chidi Nwabuzor said the state government recently frowned at land grabbing and have some persons declared wanted.

He said "today, the police got wind that some group of persons have gone to the secretariat to perform ritual and they were arrested.

"You heard some months ago, to be precise, June 2022, the Edo State government came out with policy against land-grabbing and this they took off for implantation and named some persons in their

gazette to be arrested.

"And few communities like Okhoromi were touched in this issue of land grabbing.

"Today the 17th of November, 2022, some persons paraded themselves in the name of protest and moved down to where we call secretariat, that is the Palm House along Sapele Road, Benin City with some animals and spilled the blood there in terms of ritual against the Edo State government for the policy implemented against land grabbing.

"Immediately, the intelligence came to the command and through collaborations with other security agencies, the vigilante, they were arrested and brought to the command for further investigation," said.

Speaking on what happened at the rally, one of the suspects, Collins Ojo said the protesters comprised persons of various faith and thus cannot stop anyone from exercising his or her faith.