

Zamfara: Police neutralise 11 bandits, foil attack on communities

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Zamfara State Police Command has announced that no fewer than eleven marauding bandits have been killed and that two AK47 were recovered by the Police Tactical Operations in a gun duel in Maradun local government area of the state.

A statement by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Shehu Mohammed, revealed that on December 21, 2022, about 11 terrorists were neutralized, others fled with possible gunshot wounds, while two AK 47 rifles and cutlasses belonging to the terrorists were recovered.

According to the statement, the operation was carried out by the Police Tactical Operatives in conjunction with the vigilante, which responded to distress call regarding the ambush by a large number of bandits on the Hilux vehicle conveying two Chinese nationals and their Police escort, while on their way to assess an ongoing project in Maradun Local Government.

"As a result of the unfortunate ambush, the victims sustained various degrees of gunshot wounds and they were rushed to Federal Medical Center, Gusau for

treatment. One of the victims; Fan Yu, male, a Chinese, was later confirmed dead by the doctor, while others are responding to treatment.

"The Command has deployed additional operatives to the area to complement the ongoing operations by the joint security operatives to restore normalcy and apprehend the fleeing assailants," the statement further assured.

It was revealed in the statement that on the same day, Police Tactical Operatives deployed along Gusau - Tsafe - Yankara road received a distress

call about bandits that were planning to block the highway and kidnap innocent commuters near Kucheri village.

"The operatives swung into action and mobilised to the location, where a serious gun battle between the Police and the terrorists ensued. Luckily enough, the attack was repelled while the terrorists fled back to the forest with possible gunshot injuries. Confidence building patrol is being intensified to avert regrouping of the bandits back to the highway," the statement read.

Abia 2023: APGA guber candidate pledges to sustain social intervention programmes

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The governorship candidate of the All Progressives Grand Alliance, APGA in Abia State, Professor Gregory Ibe, has pledged to sustain his social intervention programmes to ameliorate the suffering of the people.

Professor Ibe, while speaking to a women group from Ikwuano Umuahia; Ikwuano Umuahia Women for Good Governance, in his campaign headquarters, said that he would distribute Christmas gifts to every polling unit in the state.

The Chancellor of Greg-

ory University urged the women not to relent in interceding for the state, and emphasised that God has truly risen to answer the prayer of Abians.

"God has indeed heard the cries of our people and sent me to ensure that no Abian is left behind when I become governor in 2023," he said.

Speaking during the visit, leader of the group, Mrs Oluchi Nwosu, said that Professor Ibe's antecedents speak for him.

Nwosu enumerated the sterling qualities of Ibe, saying, "his visible antecedents place him far ahead of his contemporaries."