

kidnappers.

Robber killed

4 Meanwhile, a robber was reportedly killed and another arrested in a gun battle between the officers and men of *Operation Puff Adder* and the hoodlums in the state.

The state's Commissioner of Police, CP Sanusi, who confirmed the development while briefing newsmen yesterday, said the bandit was killed when his men raided the hoodlums camp in Illella village in Safana Local Government Area of the state.

According to him, "today (yesterday) at about 1p.m.,

based on a tip-off, *Operation Puff Adder* led by Divisional Police Officer, Batsari Division, raided one of the bandits camps at Illella village, Safana LGA of Katsina State.

"After a fierce gun duel, the team succeeded in dislodging the hoodlums from their enclaves as a result of which one of the hoodlums was killed during the shootout, while one was arrested alive and the rest took to their heels into the forest.

"The team recovered one AK-47 rifle with Breach No. 1986RG8604 and four motorcycles from the bandits," CP Buba stated.