



Police confirm killing of 8 persons in Zamfara

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THE police in Zamfara have confirmed the killing of eight persons in Janbako village of Maradun Local Government Area of the state by bandits, Sunday.

The Police Command's Public Relations Officer, Shehu Muhammad, confirmed the killings in a statement in Gusau, yesterday.

Muhammad said the bandits, who were many, were on a reprisal following an earlier attack on Saturday, on a Fulani settlement by the outlawed Yansakai group.

He said the Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Yaro Abutu, immediately deployed a combined team of Mobile

Policemen and CTU unit, who joined the army operating in the area, to secure the affected village and its surroundings.

He said: "The combined team also engaged the bandits on arrival at the area, which saw the bandits running away with gun wounds.

"Peace has been fully restored in the affected communities, but our men have continued to comb the nearby bushes with a view to arresting the culprits and charging them to court for prosecution."

He said the commissioner had also urged members of the public to desist from self-help to sustain the relative peace currently being enjoyed in the state.

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Meanwhile, troops of the Operation Hadarin Daji, eliminated 30 bandits and arrested two of their collaborators in different encounters in Zamfara and Katsina States, the Defence Headquarters has said.

The Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. John Enenche, who made this known in a statement, yesterday, said the troops of Forward Operating Base Kekuwoje, on Sunday, engaged the bandits following credible intelligence on their movement with rustled animals at Bungudu Local Government Area of Zamfara

State.

"In the course of the encounter, 30 armed bandits were neutralised while 24 cows and unspecified number of sheep were recovered.

In another development, he said, following a tip off, two suspected bandits' collaborators named Mustapha Sani and Murtala Sani were arrested at Dungun Muazu village in Sabuwa Local Government Area of Katsina State.

He said: "Suspects are in custody for further action. The Armed Forces of Nigeria and other security agencies will sustain the offensive against the enemies of our Nation.

"We shall not relent until normalcy is restored to all troubled zones of the country."