## Sallah: Bandits attack Buhari's advance security convoy

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BANDITS, yesterday, opened fire on President Muhammadu Buhari's advance convoy deployed ahead of his trip to Daura, Katsina State for Sallah celebrations yesterday, injuring two persons.

The attack came on a day an Assistant Commissioner of Police, ACP, Aminu Umar Dayi, in charge of Dutsinma Area Command in Katsina was ambushed and killed by bandits in a fierce gun duel.

The bandits were said to have opened fire on the presidential advance team who returned fire and repelled the bandits.

Two persons in the convoy were, however, injured and are currently receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital.

Confirming the attack last night, the Presidency hailed the gallantry of the security aides of the president.

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Publicity, Malam Garba Shehu, said in a statement last night: "The Presidency has described as sad and unwelcome, the shooting incident near Dutsinma, Katsina State, at the convoy of cars carrying the advance team of security guards, protocol and media officers, ahead of the President, Muhammadu Buhari's trip to Daura for Sallah.

"The attackers opened fire on the convoy from ambush positions but were repelled by the military, police and DSS personnel accompanying the convoy.

- "Two persons in the convoy are receiving treatment for the minor injuries they suffered. All the other personnel, staff and vehicles made it safely to Daura."

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Meanwhile, an Assistant Commissioner of Police, ACP, Aminu Umar Dayi, in charge of Dutsinma Area Command in Katsina was ambushed and killed by bandits in a fierce qun duel, yesterday

The late Aminu, on Monday, led a police team to Kurfi where they killed one of the bandits' commanders.

Angered by the death of their commander, the assailants turned out en masse yesterday and laid an ambush to revenge for their master.

While on clearance operation -of\_recalcitrant bandits/ terrorists, in Zakka forest. Safana LGA of Katsina State, the late Dutsinma Area Commander while leading his team on their usual clearance operation of the terrorrists were ambushed and overpowered by the bandits and in the gun duel that ensued between both parties, the ACP was killed.

The late ACP had led the war against bandits on several occasions, leading to the killings and arrest of many of the hoodlums.

Confirming the report in a statement 'yesterday, spokesperson of Katsina Force Command, SP Gambo Isah, said: "Today 06/07/2022

(yesterday) at about 1130hrs, a distress call was received—that terrorists, numbering over 300, on motorcycles, shooting sporadically with AK-47 rifles and General Purpose Machine Guns (GPMGs), ambushed ACP Aminu Umar, Area Commander, Dutsinma and team, while on clearance operation of recalcitrant bandits/terrorists, in Zakka forest in Safana LGA of Katsina State.

"Consequently, the Area Commander and one other officers gallantly lost their lives during a cross exchange of our fire.

"The Commissioner of Police, CP Idrisu Dabban Dauda, on behalf of the officers and men of the command expresses his deep sympathy to the family of the deceased and pray to almighty Allah to repose their souls in Jannatul Firdausi.

"Dabban reaffirms the Nigeria Police Force commitment on the ongoing onslaught against terrorism in the state until it is completely routed out."