

Gunmen kill DPO, Inspector in Zamfara

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GUSAU—Gunmen suspected to be bandits, in the early hours of yesterday, killed a Divisional Police Officer, DPO, of Maru Division in Zamfara State, Kazeem Raheem and another police Inspector attached to the division, Inspector Rabi'u Umar.

The spokesperson, Zamfara State Police Command, Mohammed Shehu confirmed the development in a statement.

Shehu said the duo were killed during a confrontation in attempt to repel an attack by bandits, who in their large numbers and armed with sophisticated weapons stormed the division with intent to destabilise the

security architecture of the town in order to have a free day to attack and abduct members of the community.

He said while the DPO and his team gallantly put up a strong resistance to repel the attackers, they (DPO Raheem and Inspector Umar) couldn't make it as they paid the supreme price.

According to him, "On March 5, 2023, about 0200hrs, bandits in a large number, armed with sophisticated weapons attacked Maru Division with intent to destabilise the security architecture of the town in order to easily attack and abduct members of the community.

"However, the DPO and his team gallantly

put up a strong resistance to repel the attackers. Unfortunately, himself and the above named Inspector lost their lives while protecting the public.

"The Commissioner of Police has deployed reinforcement to pursue the fleeing hoodlums and arrest them for investigation and prosecution.

Similarly, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations), Iliyasu Kwarbai, led another Police tactical team to the scene for on the spot assessment and confidence building patrol."

The police image-maker further said the Commissioner of Police Zamfara State Police Command, Kolo Yusuf, has reassured the general public of the command's continuous commitment to protecting their lives and property in the state.

He said: "The CP gave the reassurance while condoling with the families of late Kazeem Raheem, Divisional Police Officer, Maru Division, and Inspector Rabi'u Umar attached to the Division, who paid the supreme price during a fierce confrontation with suspected bandits in Maru.

"The Commissioner of Police further prayed for Almighty Allah to repose the departed souls and give their families and relations the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss."

Age head in Kano

newsmen, yesterday.

According to him, the late Village Head is also a biological father to the current Chairman of Rimin Gado council, Munir Dahim Maigari.

"Late Maigari died after some gunmen stormed his residence in the early hours of Sunday, inflicted injuries on him and later shot him dead," he said.

He noted that the burial ceremony would be conducted at his residence by 10a.m., in

Maigari Village of Rimin Gado council of Kano State.

"May his soul rest in Aljannatur Firdous," the Permanent Secretary added.

At press time, police authorities in Kano were yet to confirm the development, coming barely a week to the governorship and state Assembly's elections.

Abdullahi Kiyawa, the Kano Police Command spokesman, promised to speak on the matter after due investigation and information gathering.