

Police kill suspected kidnapper during crossfire in Rivers

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PORT HARCOURT—OPERATIVES of the Rivers State Police Command have gunned down a suspected notorious kidnapper terrorising parts of the state.

The suspect identified as Gbarani Bume, popularly called Pelele, a native of Bere community in Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State, was gunned down during a police operation in Ogoni area on Friday.

Pelele was said to be a member of the Iceland Cult Group, which has been terrorising Beree/Tabaa axis of Khana council.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the command, Grace Iringe-Koko, in a statement in Port Harcourt, said the victims and members of his gang

on sighting the police had opened fire and that police team responded with a more superior fire power and brought Pelele down.

Iringe-Koko said: "The Rivers State Police Command has made a significant breakthrough in combating crime, neutralising a notorious cultist and kidnapper, Gbarani Bume, a.k.a. Pelele, a native of Bere community in Khana LGA of Rivers State. He was a member of the Iceland Cult group,

which has been terrorizing Beree/Tabaa axis of Khana council.

"On November 15, 2024, operatives of the Command attached to Bori Division acting on a tip-off, were mobilized to Luawii community where Pelele and his gang were attempting to kidnap a site Engineer.

"The hoodlums on sighting the operatives, opened fire on them and a fierce crossfire ensued between the Police operatives and the hoodlums

during which Pelele was fatally wounded, his accomplices escaped with various degrees of bullet wounds.

"Items recovered from the suspect include one AK-47 Rifle, two Magazines, and 10 rounds of live ammunition.

"Investigation is ongoing, while concerted efforts have been intensified to apprehend other fleeing gang members and bring them to justice."

NAF strikes neutralise bandit leaders' key loyalists

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THE Nigerian Air Force, NAF, said, yesterday, that its fighter aircraft had neutralised numerous bandits, including key loyalists of infamous bandit leaders Dan Isuhu and Dogo Sulebin Zamfara State.

It said the operation was in furtherance of sustaining its aggressive air interdiction campaign, nicknamed Operation Farautar Mujiya aimed at eliminating bandit threats in Northwestern Nigeria.

The NAF said: "The airstrikes interdiction mission was carried out on November 15, 2024 and targeted a large assembly of bandits in Babban Kauye village, situated in Tsafe Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

"Intelligence sources revealed that the congregation of criminals was perfecting plans for coordinated attacks against military personnel or civilians along the Tsafe axis.

"Upon receiving credible intelligence, the NAF launched a series of devastating airstrikes, inflicting significant casualties on the criminal elements.

"Reports from the ground confirmed the successful elimination of numerous high-ranking members of the bandit groups, dealing a severe blow to their operational capacity.

"These groups have utilized remote settlements like Babban Kauye as strategic safe havens, from where they coordinate and execute their nefarious operations.

Let's focus on security Ogbuku enjoins

MANAGING Director of the Niger Delta Development Commission, NDDC, Dr. Samuel Ogbuku, has pledged to focus on serving the people of the Niger Delta region as mandated by President Bola Tinubu.

Speaking during a radio programme on Rhythm 94.7 in Yenagoa, Ogbuku dismissed insinuations that he was planning to contest for the governorship of Bayelsa State in 2027.

He said: "I don't have any ticket to contest the governorship of Bayelsa State in 2027. I want all those people who are forming groups and causing confusion through unsolicited

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officers and men of the command to the palace of the Enogie (Duke) of Eyaen, market places, motor parks, and major streets, the controller said the "rising numbers of irregular migration deem the enlightenment programme necessary."

One of the facilitators, an Assistant Controller of Immigration from the command's headquarters, Abuja, David Amanahu, said Edo State

irregular migration. They have to make sure that Edo drops from number one in states with endemic migration," he said.

Also speaking, another facilitator from the command headquarters, Abuja, Deputy Superintendent of Immigration, Woshak Danladi, while enumerating the dangers of irregular migration, urged officers and men of the command to make it a point of duty in telling the public about the dangers