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We offer a public key exchange protocol based on a semidirect product of two cyclic (semi)groups of matrices over  $Z_p$ . One of the (semi)groups is additive, the other one multiplicative. This allows us to take advantage of both operations on matrices to diffuse information. We note that in our protocol, no power of any matrix or of any element of  $Z_p$  is ever exposed, so all standard attacks on Diffie-Hellman-like protocols (including Shor's quantum algorithm attack) are not applicable. (Received September 02, 2020)