

Sokoto: 22 hunters feared killed in ambush

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At least 22 hunters are feared dead after suspected Lakurawa terrorists ambushed them during a seasonal hunting expedition in Kadidda forest, Tangaza Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

Daily Trust gathered that three bodies have been recovered and buried, while 19 others remain missing. The incident reportedly occurred about four days ago when the hunters, armed with dane guns and accompanied by dogs, entered the forest despite a local government ban on hunting due to security concerns.

Affected communities include Binji, which lost seven hunters; Baidi and Tangaza, three each; and Masallaci, Gidan Madi, and Tungar Biyo, one each.

A herder reportedly sighted two hunters alive in the forest with gunshot injuries but could not assist them for fear of being killed.

Salat al-Ghaib (funeral prayers in absentia) was held in Tangaza town for those still missing.

An official of the Tangaza local government council, who preferred anonymity, said efforts are ongoing to recover the remaining bodies.

He noted that hunters had ignored repeated warnings about the security risks.