Kebbi gov mourns as Lakurawa terrorists kill 11 soldiers, one policeman in ambush

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KEBBI State governor, Dr Nasir Idris, on Wednesday, paid his respect to 11 soldiers and one policeman killed by Lakurawa bandits during an ambush in Giro Masa, Shanga Local Government Area of the state, by visiting the Federal Teaching Hospital (FTH), Birnin Kebbi, where their corpses were brought to the mortuary.

The attack occurred on Tuesday night.

The governor expressed his sadness over the killing of security personnel who were protecting lives and property of the people.

The governor said: "I sympathise with the families of the soldiers and policeman who were killed in the course of serving the nation."

Idris was received by the head of clinical services of the hospital, Dr Ashiru Ladan, who took him on a tour of the mortuary where the bodies of the soldiers laid.

The governor also visited the Accident and Emergency ward, where two injured soldiers were receiving treatment.

Governor Idris pledged his continued support for security operatives in the state, adding that "as a government, we offer our condolences to the military and police authorities for the loss of their men in the course of their official duties."

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The gunmen, believed to have been operating in the area for some time, were reportedly traced by the security personnel to a construction company's yard after a tip-off from residents.

The security personnel were dispatched to secure the site, but were ambushed along the way. Two military trucks were reportedly set on fire during the attack.