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From Auwalu Umar, Kano

A police station, the residence of a divisional police

officer and a nearby commercial bank in Tudun Wada town in Kano State were set on fire in a pre-

dawn attack by gunmen yesterday.

No one was killed in the attack, *Daily Trust* learnt,

but troops later shot dead nine men who they said were suspected of launching the attacks.

The three burnt places were along the major road that passes through the town, which is about

100km away from Kano.

Commander of the Kano 3 Motorized Brigade
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of the Nigerian Army, Brigadier General Iliyasu Abba, said nine of the 11 gunmen that carried out the attacks were killed in a gun duel with men of the Joint Security Task Force (JTF) who rushed to the area after receiving a distress calls.

Daily Trust learnt that the gunmen arrived in the area around 2am in three vehicles and they first attacked the official residence of the DPO who was said to have escaped unhurt.

After setting the DPO's home on fire they then stormed the nearby police station from where they took away weapons and police uniforms before setting the place on fire.

A nearby commercial bank was not spared by the gunmen. They were said to have forced themselves into it but they could not gain access to the bank's vault.

A resident of the area told *Daily Trust* that many lives would have been lost if the attacks were carried out in the broad day light as there could have been a shootout between the gunmen and security operatives.

Displaying the recovered weapons and other police working equipment as well as some dead bodies of the suspected gunmen before newsmen at Bukavu Barracks in Kano yesterday, Brigadier General Abba said the gunmen were "daring and ready for anything".

He said the JTF received a distress call at about 2am yesterday that gunmen were operating in Tudun Wada town.

He said not long after the distress call the task force swung into action and went to the area, saying the JTF men clashed with gunmen who were returning to Kano after the attacks. He said the gun duel lasted about five hours around the Falgore forest.

Abba said the security operatives succeeded when the gunmen exhausted their ammunition. The security operatives killed nine of them and captured two alive, he said.

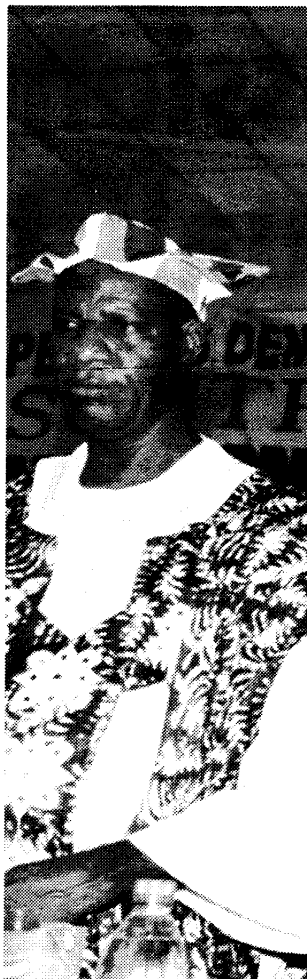
The army commander also said from their understanding the gunmen suspected to be Boko Haram members were running out of weapons and ammunition as well as money and so they attacked the police station and the bank to meet their needs.

Brigadier General Abba said the gunmen on their way back to Kano sandwiched the vehicle carrying the weapons they took away from the police station in a three-vehicle convoy.

On whether the gunmen were Nigerians or foreigners, the army commander said only investigation could find out.

He listed some of the items recovered to include two AK 47 rifles, two assault rifles, three pistols, one long rifle, 70 cans of teargas, seven pistol magazines, one cutlass, eight magazines carriers and three police shoes.

Others are three white shirts, two police uniforms, six improvised explosive devices, one laptop, three police jackets, 176 cartridges, 600 rounds of 5.65mm ammunition, 169 rounds of mm special ammunition and 149 rounds of 9mm ammunition.



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representatives member from Tar State, Binta Garba.

The voting was held as part of the Northeast zonal congress held to select candidates for the national working committee posts allocated to zone and to also elect the zonal executive of the party. Similar congresses were held in the five other zones of the country yesterday.

Babayo, a former acting PDP national secretary, is said to be a candidate of state governors for the party while Tukur, a former governor of old Gongola State believed to have the backing of Jonathan.

But Tukur's camp yesterday rejected the Bauchi vote. His campaign director Dauda Birma said they rejected the Northeast's election.

Bamanga: 'Candidate defied North

By Suleiman Bisalla

THE North East caucus member who voted Dr. Musa Babayo as the zone for the position of national chairman of the party had acted as some governors who stood firm in their support for the victory of Alhaji Bamanga Tukur at the convention of the PDP in Bauchi.

An aide of the Bauchi State governor does not want to be named told on telephone yesterday that Yuliyil did his best to ensure that Tukur was elected to no avail.

"I can tell you that Malam Isah could not on this issue to ensure that Tukur gets the zonal nomination," he said.

The aide alleged that former governor Atiku Abubakar was behind the rejection given to Babayo, and that those who clearly disregarded entreaties from