

# JTF uncovers militants 'media centre', kills 4

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THE Joint Security Taskforce (JTF) in Kano said it has attacked the "media centre of terrorist elements" in an early morning raid Friday in Unguwa Uku area of the metropolis, killing four suspected "terrorists."

In a statement yesterday by its spokesperson Lieutenant Ikedichi Iweha said JTF and SSS personnel raided the suspected hideout in Tarauni Local Government Area of the state, after obtaining information from members of the public.

"The hideout was suspected to be the media centre of the

terrorist elements operating in Kano," Iweha said, adding that "4 members of the terrorist elements were killed" in the encounter.

He further said JTF had recovered "1 pistol, several rounds or assorted ammunition, 12 Laptops, 2 scanners, 1 printer, over 1000 copies of CDs, assorted quantities of internet cables/accessories, improvised explosive devices making materials and 4 civil police identity cards."

Other items recovered, according to Iweha, were "uniforms of security agencies being used by the terrorist

gangs."

"Consequently, the JTF urges the general public to continue to provide it with useful information as the JTF assures them of the utmost confidentiality. The JTF will continue to count on the support of the general public as well as their cooperation in the discharge of its activities."

Meanwhile, eyewitnesses told *Weekly Trust* that the JTF were seen evacuating about seven bodies from the area after the encounter that lasted more than five hours from 3am and kept residents indoors.

Also, residents of Kwanar Malam in Unguwa Uku and

other neighbouring areas told our correspondent that they were kept awake by consistent gunshots and sounds of explosives. Unknown gunmen had two days ago shot and killed two teenagers in the same area.

*Weekly Trust* also gathered that there was commotion at the Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital yesterday morning when JTF men shot several shots into the air within the premises as they went to deposit corpses of the people killed in the raid.

Patients, nurses and doctors were said to have ran helter-skelter, fearing an attack was being launched on the hospital.