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Our correspondents gathered that the JTF, which operated in Kano in the early hours of yesterday, raided two houses in Hotoro and Brigade areas of the State.

The spokesman of JTF, Captain Ikedichi Iweha, who confirmed the raid in a statement, said during the shootout around 3 a.m yesterday, five terrorists and two soldiers lost their lives.

Items recovered, according to him, include two AK 47 rifles, 458 rounds of 7.62 special and six AK 47 rifle magazines.

According to him, intelligence available indicated that the terrorists were in the process of finalizing plans to carry out simultaneous suicide attacks in Abuja and Kano respectively.

He said the proactive reactions of the JTF did not only deny the terrorists freedom of action in Kano, but also prevented them from using the State as a spring board to launch attacks on other parts of the country.

"This is due to the cooperation the JTF is receiving from members of the general public. The recent rise in activities of members of the terrorist sect may not be unconnected with the increase in pressure being mounted on them by troops in the North Eastern axis and their desperation to make loud statements of their presence," JTF said.

While enjoining members of the general public to go about their normal businesses without fear, he said they had increased their patrols to cope with the pressure of the ember periods and fleeing terrorists.

"However, worrisome is the ease with which terrorists secure accommodation easily in Panshekara, Ja'en, Mariri, Farawa, Hotoro, Sherada, Brigade and other outskirt areas in the State despite appeals by the JTF to property owners to desist from renting their properties to persons with questionable identities.

"The JTF in Kano would not allow the State to be used as haven for terrorists. These appeals having fallen on deaf ears, the JTF would not only continue to destroy any such properties which is found to accommodate terrorists but will also arrest the owners of such properties, treating them as accomplices even if they do not reside in the said property.

"The effort of the JTF would not be successful without the cooperation of the residents of Kano. The JTF, therefore, calls on all residents of Kano not to relent in the fight against terrorist elements who are seeking refuge in the State by reporting any suspicious persons regardless of gender for immediate action to prevent the loss of lives and properties," the statement reads.

Meanwhile, our correspondents report that a house at Gayawa area of Ungoggo local government area of Kano state was reportedly set ablaze by operatives of JTF yesterday.

Sunday Trust gathered that residents of the area woke up seeing thick smoke in the morning of Saturday.

A source close to the house that it was set ablaze said after operatives of the JTF arrived the area with a man in handcuffs, who led the team to the house.

He said the house was forcefully opened, ransacked and later set ablaze.

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