

Security operatives kill many bandits, recover 300 cattle in Niger

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The security operatives under the Joint Taskforce Operations in Niger State have killed dozens of bandits terrorising communities in Munya and Shororo local government areas of the state.

The operation was said to have led to the interception of over 500 animals at Kuchi, Galadiman- Kogo, Allawa and Erena communities of the state.

The animals were conveyed to Minna, the state capitals in trailers on Thursday and Friday in the company of local hunters.

The Commissioner for Local Government, Chieftaincy Affairs and Internal Security, Emmanuel Umar, said some security operatives also lost their lives in the operation.

He said arrangements had been made to take care of the families of the slain security operatives.

He added that the state government had also concluded plans to establish a committee to fashion out modalities to identify the real owners of the intercepted animals or otherwise auction them and remit the proceeds to the state treasury.

Meanwhile, the Niger State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, said the command had "received some crime fighting equipment and five operational vehicles, including two gun trucks from the police high command."

He said there was hope that the vehicles and the equipment would assist the command in the fight against banditry and other acts of criminality in the state.