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Buhari consults Nigerien, Chadian leaders today over Boko Haram

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As consultations continue on all political fronts for appointment of Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Chief of Staff (COS) and others, President Muhammadu Buhari will fly out today to meet his Nigerien and Chadian counterparts.

Service Chiefs had yesterday briefed him on the security situation in the country.

The President yesterday, also submitted a list of 15 advisers to the Senate, the upper chamber of the Federal legislature, which is due to be dissolved next week

- Service Chiefs brief him, 25 killed in Maiduguri
- President submits list of 15 advisers to Senate
- Fayose asks to nominate minister

when the new National Assembly (NASS) will be inaugurated.

The new NASS may not be proclaimed on Friday as expected.

The President's visit to Niger and Chad is to sustain the co-operation and agreement Nigeria had initiated with her neighbours during former President Goodluck Jonathan administration.

The meeting with the security chiefs, it was learnt, was to enable them brief him on

the security situation in the country which in the past 24 hours had been jolted by Boko Haram insurgents who struck yesterday when a suicide bomber at about 11.15 a.m., detonated an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) at the Maiduguri Cattle Market abattoir, killing 25 people and injuring more than 35 others.

Among the Service Chiefs present at the meeting coordinated by the National Security Adviser (NSA), Col.

Mohammed Sambo Dasuki (rtd) were the Chief of Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Alex Badeh; Chief of Army Staff, Lt. General Kenneth Minimah; Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Usman Jibrin; Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Adesola Amosu, and Inspector General of Police (IGP), Solomon Arase.

Emerging from the meeting which lasted for more than three hours, the Naval chief told reporters they used the opportunity to give

the President comprehensive details of the security situation in the country and the level of successes so far recorded by the armed forces in their battle against the insurgents.

"Since he was inaugurated as the President of Nigeria and our Commander-in-chief, this is the first time that we have formally met to give him a general security briefing of the country."

The CNS confirmed that the Armed Forces was putting structures in place to comply with the President's directive at his inauguration that the command structure be relocated to Maiduguri, saying: "We are the ones to go back and work on

it. Soon it will be carried out, it is a Presidential directive.

"On the *Boko Haram* issue, we told him of the level of successes being recorded and we want to maintain the tempo until the insurgents are routed.

"We are sustaining the tempo and the successes we have recorded so far, we want to continue to maintain that and if there is any suggested solutions that require amendments or alteration of what we're doing, why not?"

"All Nigerians should continue to support the military and provide us with necessary intelligence which

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Market forces