

Gunmen kill 21 persons, rustle animals in Katsina

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GUNMEN have killed 21 persons, including women and children in three communities in Batsari Local Council of Katsina State.

The gunmen were said to have killed 19 persons at Tsauwa village from 11.30p.m. on Monday to the wee hours of yesterday.

On Sunday morning, gunmen had also killed two persons and rustled more than 35 cattle in Ajiya and Yasore villages.

A source in Tsauwa said the gunmen, who rode on motorcycles, shot sporadically to scare residents.

"When they came, they start-

Military, CJTF capture terrorists' logistics suppliers

ed shooting and pursuing people who were trying to escape to the farmlands. They even shot some people who had managed to escape. At the last count, 19 persons were killed, and we buried them this (Tuesday) morning, while the wounded have been taken to hospital for treatment.

"They also razed many houses in the village, including food stores, and carted away valuables, including domestic animals," the source stated.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Gambo Isah, while confirming the incident, said the command was working

with the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in the area on the incident.

MEANWHILE, troops of 195 Battalion, Sector 1, Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK), in conjunction with Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF), have captured two Boko Haram Terrorists' logistics suppliers and recovered assorted items.

One hand grenade, one axe, one vehicle, five bicycles, two mobile phones and some quantity of petroleum products were recovered from the suppliers.

Army image-maker, Brig-Gen. Onyema Nwachukwu, noted: "The troops equally recovered large quantity of

psychedelic and sex enhancement drugs, pesticides and insecticides, as well as food stuff, among others.

"The vigilant troops, who left no stone unturned during the clearance operation, combed the entire area, destroying several identified terrorists' camps.

"At Labe village, they came in contact with terrorists, who attempted fleeing but were swiftly intercepted by the troops."

The Chief of Army Staff, Maj-Gen. Farouk Yahaya, has commended the alertness of the troops, urging them to sustain the aggressive posture of the operation, to clear terrorists' enclaves and dominate the general area.