

Military air strikes kill four bandits in Kaduna

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KADUNA State Government has confirmed the death of four notorious bandits in a valley popularly known as 'Maikwandaraso' in Igabi Local Council.

The Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, stated, yesterday, that the four identified bandits were neutralised via air interdictions when the military engaged them in combined ground and air assaults on identified enclaves.

According to Aruwan, the neutralised bandits were identified as Alili Bandiro,

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Dayyabu Bala, Bala Nagwarjo and Sulele Bala.

He added that "several other bandits were eliminated in the same cycle of air interdictions and ground offensives."

Maikwandaraso is close to Karshi village, and shares boundaries with the Kawara and Malul forests in Igabi.

BUT in Plateau State, the Human Rights Writers Association of Nigeria (HURIWA) has said that soldiers seem incapable of stopping the killings.

It wondered why soldiers at the 3rd Division folded their arms amid armed Fulani herdsman's systematic killing.

The human rights group made this known in a statement by its National Coordinator, Emmanuel Onwubiko, and National Media Affairs Director, Miss Zainab Yusuf, yesterday, in Abuja.

It stated that the same scenario was playing out in Southern Kaduna, accusing the First Division of the Nigerian Army, as well as the army formations in Kachia and Kafanchan of doing nothing, while the well-armed Fulani killer squads go from one village to another in parts of Southern Kaduna to kill.

HOWEVER, the presidential candidate of the

Action Democratic Party (ADP) in 2019, Sani Yabagi, has urged Nigerians not to expect the current security challenges to end under President Muhammadu Buhari's government.

According to him, as long as the ruling All Progressive Congress (APC) government refused to admit failure in tackling banditry, kidnapping and other crimes in the country, insecurity will persist.

Fielding questions from journalists in his Kaduna home at the weekend, Yabagi said the wise thing for the government to do was to admit failure and seek help from outside the government to fight the insecurity now tearing the nation apart.