

Troops kill three terrorists, rescue eight victims in Kaduna

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TROOPS have reportedly neutralised three terrorists, rescued eight kidnap victims and foiled attacks in parts of Kaduna State.

Military authorities have reported to the state government that the troops engaged the terrorists during operations in Chikun and Igabi local councils.

The Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, who made this known to reporters, yesterday, stated that from the first operational feedback, troops in the Maraban Rido general area of Chikun responded to sounds of gunfire and swiftly mobilised towards the target location in Ungwan Musa and fought their way

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through an ambush to the scene of the attack.

Security forces reportedly foiled an attack at Unguwar Tasha in Birnin Yero general area of Igabi, when terrorists tried to force their way into residential buildings in the area, the commissioner said.

ALSO, the paramount ruler of Vwang Village in Mangu, Da Gyang Gutt, who was abducted on Sunday, was released by his abductors in Plateau State on Monday night, just as a widow was kidnapped yesterday morning.

Immediately the incident was reported, Commander, Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) Maj-Gen. Ibrahim Ali, placed the troops of Sector 6 deployed at Riyom on red alert and to embark on a hot trail of the perpetrators.

IN another development, Zamfara State Governor,

Bello Matawalle, has charged the Federal Government to redouble efforts to save the state from criminals.

In a speech, at a retreat for the State Executive Council (SEC) and other top government officials in Abuja, yesterday, Matawalle said the retreat was expected to significantly help in the entrenchment of harmony at the workplace, collaborative synergy, good governance, sound leadership and proficient official communication.

He stressed the need for collaborative efforts to put Zamfara back on track in terms of meaningful development.

The Head of the Service of the Federation (HoSF), Dr. Folasade Yemi-Esan, commended the governor for convening a retreat for his cabinet and other top govern-

ment officials to transform the state's public service.

WORRIED by the prevailing security threats plaguing the country, former governor of Niger State, Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu, has declared that any government that cannot protect life and property is duty-bound to relinquish power.

The chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) made the remark at the eighth yearly Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Lecture and Merit Award in Kano, yesterday.

Aliyu, who is the Chairman, Board of Trustees (BoT), Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation, noted that "the primary function of government is protection of life and property," adding: "If you cannot render such services, please leave for those that can provide it."