

Troops kill terrorists, nab five collaborators with N19.5m

• Masari reads riot act to bandits, other criminals • Security operatives on alert, map out strategies for Yuletide

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TROOPS in North East theatre of war have killed many terrorists and apprehended five bandits' collaborators with N19.5 million in their Point of Sale (POS) machine at Daudawa village in Faskari Local Council of Katsina State.

The Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj-Gen. Musa Danmadami, made the disclosure at the bi-weekly briefing on military operations across the country, yesterday, in Abuja.

To ensure safety in Abuja, he said troops and other security agencies jointly raided Guzape, Apo and Area 1 District in Abuja

Municipal Area Council.

He said the raid led to the arrest of 21 suspected criminals while over 200 motorcycles, a car and five mobile phones were recovered and destroyed during the operation.

According to Danmadami, the arrest was made on November 17 during a stop-and-search operation, adding that the troops also recovered a car and five mobile phones.

He said the troops also neutralised three bandits at Yambuki village in Zurmi Local Council of Zamfara State on November 20 while others fled with gunshot wounds.

KATSINA State Governor, Aminu Masari, has warned terrorists operating

from various forests in the state to either surrender peacefully to the authorities, or get dislodged by forceful means by security operatives.

Masari said his administration would no longer grant amnesty as had been done in the past, and that terrorists must either surrender willingly or be dealt with.

He was speaking, yesterday, at Dan Nakola village, Daura Local Council, during the distribution of agricultural items to victims that were mostly affected by insecurity in the 10 councils of the state, including Jibia, Faskari, Sabuwa, Dandume, Safana, Kankara, Dutsinma, Musawa, Danmusa and Batsari.

The governor lamented that the Fulani have given them-

selves a bad name due to the evil some of their kins perpetuate, including acts of terrorism, rustling and kidnapping.

IN the same vein, Kaduna State Police Command has put security operatives in the state on high alert.

The Commissioner of Police (CP), Yekini Ayoku, has charged all Area Commanders (ACs), Divisional Police Officers (DPOs) and Tactical Commanders (TCs) on combating criminal activities in the state, as the people prepare for this year's Yuletide.

Besides, Christian clerics are also planning to extend charity to those affected by insurgency and other vulnerable persons in the state, during the season.