

Police, others kill over 50 suspected bandits in Taraba

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TARABA State Police Command, in collaboration with the army, vigilante and professional hunters, successfully neutralised more than 50 suspected bandits, who had been terrorising communities in Bali Local Council of the state.

According to the command's spokesperson, Usman Abdul-lahi, the operation took place in Tonti village, Maihula District.

The Commissioner of Police, according to him, received information about the invasion by over 100 gunmen, suspected to be bandits in the early hours of November 28, 2023, who attacked Tonti village during the Muslim morning prayers, creating a state of panic. Upon receiving the information, he reportedly or-

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dered the deployment of a tactical team from Bali Division, with a collaborative effort from the army, vigilante and hunters.

During exchange of gunfire, the security operatives were said to have killed over 50 bandits, while some managed to escape with injuries.

Contrary to rumours, the command clarified that some of those killed were not professional hunters, but innocent villagers caught in the cross-fire.

In a related development, no fewer than four Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists have been killed by their Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in San San village of Mobbar Local Council, Borno State.

The terrorists were reportedly killed on Wednesday, while they were planting an explosive device along the patrol routes of 5 Brigade Troops of Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK).

According to military sources, in Maiduguri, the IED detonation was a clear case of tactical boomerang of devastation of lives in heinous operations.

Counter-insurgency expert in the Lake Chad region, Zagazola Makama, disclosed, yesterday, in Maiduguri that troops of the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF), Sector 4 deployed to Wongonu, also discovered an IED in Chetimari terrorists' hideouts on November 23, 2023.

THE Federal Government is set to deploy additional se-

curity operatives to secure the Federal University, Dutsin-Ma (FUDMA), Katsina State, against terrorists.

Vice Chancellor of the institution, Prof Armaya'u Hamisu, stated this during a press briefing, yesterday.

The institution had been in the news for the wrong reasons, after five female undergraduate students were abducted by terrorists more than 50 days ago.

One of the students was, however, released a few days ago, with speculation that millions of naira was paid by her family members before her release.

The VC added that a timeline of about two weeks is expected in which the additional security would be deployed, and that the permanent site of the institution would be in full use by the second week of December.