

Operatives neutralise seven as CCT chair seeks end to insecurity

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Katsina State Police Command has said a joint security operation neutralised seven bandits, and recovered 109 animals at Ruwan Doruwa Community in Dutsinma Local Government Area.

A statement by a spokesperson for the Command, DSP Abubakar Aliyu, said the incident occurred on Saturday at about 9.00 a.m. He said: “The Katsina State Police Command has successfully foiled a bandits’ attack on Ruwan Doruwa Village, Dutsinma LGA, Katsina State, and neutralised seven suspected bandits in the process.

“The operation resulted in the recovery of 61 cows, 44 sheep, two donkeys, one goat, and one dog.

“On January 18, 2025, about 0900 hrs, a distress call was received at the Dutsinma Divisional Police Headquarters that some suspected bandits, armed with dangerous weapons such as AK-47 rifles, sporadically attacked Ruwan Doruwa village, Dutsinma LGA, Katsina State.” He explained that upon receipt of the report, the DPO, in collaboration with the military, DSS, members of the KTSCWC, and the vigilante, mobilised and responded.

“Upon arrival, the team engaged the bandits in a fierce gun battle, which resulted in the neutralisation of seven suspected bandits as the remaining fled the scene with various degrees of injuries, abandoning all the suspected rustled animals.” He also reiterated the commitment of the command towards ensuring the safety and security of members of the public.

MEANWHILE, the Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal, Dr Mainasara Umar Kogo, has called for aggressive military action against bandits and terrorists in Nigeria, including the bombardment of nine forests across the north.

Speaking at the 2025 Sir Ahmadu Bello National Annual Memorial Conference, held at Arewa House in Kaduna on Saturday, Kogo emphasised the need for decisive action to tackle terrorism and insecurity in the region.

The conference, which attracted dignitaries from across the north, had the theme: ‘Nigeria’s Leadership for National Cohesion and Stability under Contemporary Governance.’

The CCT chairman, who served as a guest speaker, highlighted the urgent need to address the security challenges posed by terrorists, urging the military to bomb nine forests in Northern Nigeria, serving as their hideouts.

He identified the forests as Sambisa (Borno), Mandara Mountains (located near Lake Chad), Falgore Forests (Kano), Rugu Forests (Katsina), Sabon Birni Forests (Sokoto), Dansadau (Zamfara), Birnin-Gwari (Kaduna), Kontagora (Niger), and Birnin Kogo Forests (Katsina).

According to Kogo, destroying the hideouts would effectively eliminate the terrorists and their operations. Kogo also advocated a comprehensive overhaul of the nation’s security architecture while recommending the creation of specialised security bodies, such as national norder security police, national ports police, national airports police, national cyber crime police, and national anti-terrorism police.