


Thunderstorm Kills 22 In Adamawa Forest



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Daredevil kidnappers met their Waterloo recently in Adamawa state as thunderstorm strikes on them in the forest of Toungo Local Government Area while waiting for a ransom payment of N20m.

The bandits were said to have gathered after collecting over N20m from their wealthy victims at a remote village between Koncha in Cameroon and Toungo in Nigeria.

The bandits were said to have been killed by thunderstorm when they gathered to share their ill-gotten money.

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Reprieve may be in sight for the residents of Toungo border community and its environs in Adamawa State as thunderstorm has reportedly killed 22 suspected Kidnappers in Toungo forest while sharing largesse.

An official of Toungo Local Council who preferred anonymity confirmed to The Interview that the local hunters couldn't retrieve the corpses.


“The bandits who gathered, had collected over N20m from their wealthy victims at a remote village between Koncha in Cameroon and Toungo in Nigeria, according to security agencies,

“Angered by the incessant attacks by the kidnappers and who out of frustration some community leaders and victims consulted a native doctor to send thunder after the bandits.

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“They met their waterloo when they gathered to share the money.

“For now local hunters couldn’t retrieve their corpses, money in bags, and their sophisticated weapons including AK47 rifles

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“Soldiers have gone there,” the local official said.

In the meantime, efforts to get the council chairman Hon Kevin Calvin proved abortive as the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) was not permitted to speak to journalists.

However when contacted on Friday morning, the Adamawa State police spokesman, DSP Suleiman Yahya Nguroje, confirmed the incident though he said the affected community is under Cameroon’s territory.

“Yes, we heard of it, that the victims engaged the service of local native doctor.

“But it was said to have occurred in the neighboring Cameroon’s territory which is not under our jurisdiction, so nothing Divisional Police officer can do. But Nigeria troops can do something because it affects territory,” Nguroje said.

He added that to tackle the menace of the cross border banditry plaguing the area if Toungo, Ganye, Jada and Mayo Belwa,” the police commissioners had asked DPOs and Area Commands to engage the service of local vigilante and hunters who know the mountainous terrains.”

The area has been the center of kidnapping of recent.