

Troops Kill One Bandit, Free Three Captives In Nasarawa



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The Nigerian military on Friday, said that its troops on a daring rescue operations, on Thursday, milled one armed bandit and rescued three abducted persons in Nasarawa state.

Major General John Enenche, Coordinator of the Defence Media Operations, (CDMO), made the disclosure in an operation update, released in Abuja.

He said that the rescue operation was conducted by Operation WHIRL STROKE, following actionable and credible intelligence.

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“Troops of Operation WHIRL STROKE, in the early hours of yesterday, 7 January 2021, successfully staged a daring rescue operation at Mararaba Udege general area in Nasarawa Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, rescuing 3 kidnapped p...

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The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Friday charged the All Progressives Congress (APC) to learn from the

United States of America's election.

The party also tasked President Muhammadu Buhari on the need to build a stronger institutions.

Recall that since Donard Trump lost election to the democratic candidate, Joe Biden, Trump has refused to concede, a development that resulted in the riot witnessed on Wednesday at the Capitol.

The PDP said that the triumph of democratic institutions in the handling of issues related to the United States presidential election has again highlighted the demands by Nigerians on the Buhari administration to allow the institutions of democracy to function.

The PDP also noted that the US election serves as a strong lesson to corrupt and power-drunk leaders in the APC that no matter how desperate they seek to

manipulate the system, the will of the people and the Constitution will prevail in the end.

The party, in a statement by its spokesman, Kola Ologbondiyan further asserted that the insistence of the US judiciary and the legislature on the provisions of their nation's constitution, especially in resisting those who are desperate to hold on to office even after losing an election, reinforces the triumph of the collective will of a people through their system.

“Whereas our institutions of democracy including the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and security agencies were brazenly manipulated by the APC in the 2019 elections, the United States experience strengthens the determination by Nigerians to stand up against such manipulations ahead of 2023,” it said.



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The PDP called on all Nigerians including compatriots in INEC, the judiciary, the legislature, security forces, faith-based organizations, the media, civil society groups and other political parties to join forces with the party in the quest to reposition and strengthen the institutions for the task ahead.

“It is instructive to state that this is the only way to reposition our nation on the path of good governance, political stability, national cohesion and economic prosperity.

“Never again should individuals be allowed to manipulate our system, denigrate our constitution, lie to and incite unsuspecting citizens, promote violence, division and killings; compromise our security agencies, invade our courts and intimidate our judiciary, assault our National Assembly and trample on our laws, all in their inordinate bid to foist their selfish political interests.

“There is no overstressing the fact that for the strong institutions put in place by patriotic leaders of the United States, that nation would have been thrown into terrible turmoil or succumb to a chaotic order that would have no regard for the law and the will of the people.

“Our party therefore urges the Buhari Presidency to check all acts that weaken our institutions and encourage the manipulation of our security, judiciary, legislative and electoral bodies,” the party said.

The PDP charged Mr. President to take steps to ensure reforms that would strengthen the system, including ending all acts of nepotism in appointments into such sensitive institutions.

The American example, the party said equally underpins the demand for public officers, particularly the APC leadership in the National Assembly, to begin to pay greater loyalty to the country and her interest over the parochial interest of their party or the executive arm.

“The patriotism displayed by American Senate Leader, Mitch McConnell, in rejecting the attempt to undermine their nation’s electoral system is a direct call on APC leaders in the National Assembly against the unpatriotic practice of putting narrow partisan interests above

the national interest.

“Moreover, the APC must stop being a community of people with common selfish interest and desperation for personal enrichment, who are not ready to stand up for the truth in the face of acts of injustice, deprivation and callousness against the Nigerians people and our constitutional order,” the party said.

