

25 ISWAP terrorists drown in Borno military attack

1 NO fewer than 25 terrorists of the Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) are feared drowned while fleeing aerial attacks by troops in the Marte axis of Borno State.

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The Nigerian Air Force, according to PR Nigeria, defence oriented online publication, had on Wednesday and Thursday launched relentless attacks on a camp housing the terrorists in the Lake Chad area.

But bandits terrorising Southern Kaduna launched a fresh attack on Kagoro and its environs in Kaura Local Government Area on Thursday, killing 11 residents.

Also on Thursday, gunmen struck at Allawa in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State, setting the Allawa Secondary School ablaze.

The school served as camp for security personnel deployed in the area in the fight against banditry.

Warehouses serving as armoury for ISWAP were flattened by the air force during the Marte attack.

"The military jets' bombardments were simultaneously carried out at Bukar Mairam and Jubularam, Abbaganaram and Chikul Gudu which resulted in the explosion of the

warehouses, killing several terrorists," PR Nigeria quoted its source as saying of the raid.

"However, those who survived the blast at Bukar Mairam and Jubularam fled and attempted to cross a river within the Lake Chad axis. It was in the process that about 25 of them got drowned."

Recent air offensives by the military are believed to have thwarted plans by the terrorists to carry out more attacks on military formations in the Northeast.

Gunmen kill 11, injure many in Southern Kaduna

Gunmen raided Kagoro and its environs in Kaura Local Government Area of Kaduna State afresh on Thursday, killing 11 residents.

One of the survivors told journalists that the gunmen struck at Kagoro on Thursday evening, subjecting people to unrestrained brutality.

The survivor, who did not want his name in print, described the level of destruction by the invaders as massive.

"Apart from those that have been confirmed killed by the attackers, I cannot give you the number of those injured because people took the injured to the hospital for treatment."

Following the attack, many residents have been relocating to areas they consider safer while security men have been patrolling the streets to ensure peace and avert any new attack.

There was no official confirmation at press time, although the spokesman of the Kaduna Police Command, ASP Mohammed Jalige, promised to contact the Kafanchan Area Commander for details to enable him to know what happened.

Bandits set security camp ablaze, ransack armoury in Niger

The Thursday attack by bandits in Allawa, Niger State is the latest in the area, leaving residents frustrated.

The gunmen burnt down the Allawa Secondary School which serves as camp for the Joint Security Taskforce, ransacked the armoury and took away a military patrol van.

The Niger State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Abiodun Wasiu, did not pick his phone when *The Nation* tried to reach him for confirmation.

He also did not respond to a text sent to him.

However, the Co-Convener, Concerned Shiroro Youths, Sani Abubakar Kokki, confirmed the incident.

He said: "We are now hopeless, hapless and helpless. Our survival has since been placed on life support. Our vulnerability has reached the highest boiling point to the extent that we now live at the mercy of dreaded criminals."

"This current reality is unfortunate, disheartening, saddening and frightening."

Zamfara Deputy Gov faces fresh impeachment move

THE Zamfara State House of Assembly yesterday received from its Deputy Speaker, Musa Bawa, a document seeking the impeachment of Deputy Governor, Mahdi Aliyu.

It is the latest move by the assembly to get rid of Aliyu, who is locked in a battle with Governor Bello Matawalle.

The deputy governor had

refused, last June, to defect from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC) with the governor and most members of the state House of Assembly.

Mr Bawa, who doubles as Chairman of the House Committee on Public Account, moved a motion for the consideration of the request.

Speaker Muazu Mag'arya said the assembly would "treat the document in accordance with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended)."

The first attempt to impeach Aliyu was quashed in July by the Federal High Court, Abuja, which restrained the assembly and the Chief Judge of the state

from taking steps to impeach him.

The deputy had incurred the wrath of the assemblymen by addressing a political rally soon after the defection of his principal.

The lawmakers said the rally, coming in the heat of mass abductions and killings by bandits in the state, was insensitive.

PLA: Reps move to transfer assets of defunct NNPC

THE House of Representatives has started moves to transfer assets of the defunct Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to NNPC Limited.

Section 54 (1) of the Act states: "The Minister of Petroleum and Minister of Finance shall within 18 months of the effective date determine the assets, interests, and liabilities of NNPC to be transferred to NNPC Limited or its subsidiaries and upon identification of the assets and liabilities, the Minister shall

...to meet NNPC boss, Finance Minister, CBN Governor, NEITI, others

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critical sectors of the Nigerian society and economy with a view to improving the conditions that allow for investment, innovation, and economic growth."

"Crude oil dominates Nigeria's economy and accounts for about 86% of export earnings in our country.

determination and transfer is not done within the stipulated 18 months, the assets, interests, and liabilities are deemed transferred to NNPC Limited," the chairman stated.

He continued, "The Petroleum Industry Act, 2021 was enacted to cure the maladies of the oil and gas industry and provide legal governance, the regulatory and

general administration of the oil and gas industry and other related matters.

"Chapter 3 provides for the host community development Chapter 4 introduces the Petroleum Fiscal Industry Framework (PIFF).

"Chapter 5 provides for miscellaneous matters, which deal with legal proceedings relating to any suit and other related matters."