

Insecurity: Army kills 21 terrorists in Katsina raid



In what appears to be a fresh effort in ridding Katsina of terrorists, the Nigerian Army, on Friday, carried out an attack on a terrorist enclave in Shawu Forest, Ruwan Godiya Ward, Faskari Local Government Area of **Katsina State**.

The operation which was successful, saw terrorists suffering heavy casualties, including the decimation of their operational capacity.

According to a statement by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Katsina State, Dr. Nasiru Mu'azu, at approximately 08:50am on Friday, the troops attacked the terrorists in their enclave, where they were engaged in a fierce gun duel.

The fire power of the Nigerian Army, according to Mu'azu, forced the terrorists to abandon their camps and flee into the dense bushes and rocky terrain, using their livestock as shields for their escape.

The troops also pursued the fleeing terrorists, engaging them relentlessly, including those attempting to escape by crossing a river.

Part of the statement reads, "Recorded Success: In the course of the operation, 21 terrorists were killed, including those swept away by the river while trying to escape. However, there were no casualties among the military team.

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"Also recovered were about 40 motorcycles and a yet-to-be-ascertained number of rustled cattle from the bandits."

The troop recovered items which included one General Purpose Machine Gun, five AK-47 rifles, a pump-action rifle, 21AK-47 magazines, and 17 motorola communication radios.

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"Other items recovered were a considerable quantity of ammunition and other critical items. This included 74 rounds of 7.62mm NATO belted ammunition, 448 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, four pump-action cartridges, two RPG-7 chargers, and one RPG-7 bomb. Five CS 48mm hand grenades, a Baofeng handheld radio (HHR), six mobile phones with three extra batteries, a camouflage jungle hat, and three magazine pouches were also secured.

"Further recoveries included a motorcycle manual pump, an empty wallet, three jungle bags containing various charms, and a sum of ₦15,260.

"All the recovered items are kept in custody of the military for further necessary action. Operations are still ongoing, and the morale among the troops remains consistently high."