

Speaking on the killings in Katsina Ala Local Government Area, the Chairman, Hon. Justine Shaku, said about 10 security personnel were killed by the hoodlums.

Hon Shaku made the disclosure in a post shared on his Facebook page.

He noted that those killed were drawn from the Border Joint Military Clearance.

The Facebook post, which he personally signed, stated: "Yesterday, 19th September, 2025, a joint military clearance operation was carried out around the Agu Centre general area in Mbatula/Mberek Council Ward, Katsina-Ala LGA, close to Peva and Chanchangi settlements in Taraba State.

"According to reports, many officers who participated in the operation are still missing, including the well-known Danzuru, who was allegedly captured alive by armed bandits.

"The operation was jointly resisted by local armed militias, Fulani marauders, and some hired military personnel allegedly brought in from Taraba State.

During the confrontation, three of these hired fighters were reportedly killed by the joint border troops.

"Several militia leaders from the Shitile clan—among them Konyo, Anyogo, Officer Mathew Zegebra, Gulenen Ashaver, and Fullfire—were identified as participants in the attack against conventional security forces.

"Casualty reports indicate that more than ten security personnel lost their lives. So far, only two bodies have been recovered. In addition, two Hilux vehicles were burnt, and several motorcycles were carted away by the attackers.

"Reinforcements have since been deployed to the area to recover the remaining bodies still within the bushes.

"The Commissioner of Police, Benue State Command, is currently on the ground with us, and we await further updates on the situation."