

## FG to deploy more security in Zamfara —Dambazzau

### As bandits kill six civilian JTF members, raid 98 communities

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PRESIDENT Muhammadu Buhari has reiterated the Federal Government's commitment towards providing lasting solution to the insecurity bedeviling Zamfara State, while saying more security personnel would be deployed to the state.

This was just as bandits, on Sunday night, killed six members of the Civilian Joint Task Force (JTF) and ransacked 98 communities in Shinkafi Local Government Area of the state.

Speaking during an operational assessment visit to Shinkafi Local Government Area on Monday, President Buhari, who was represented by the Minister of Interior, Lieutenant-General Abdulrahman Dambazzau, said "it is time to stop the menace, as we can't continue to live this way."

The president, while reiterating that it was the responsibility of the Federal Government to protect lives and properties, said government would continue to work towards

ensuring the restoration of security across the country.

He said the Federal Government was also committed to providing lasting solution to the menace of banditry in Zamfara State, while urging residents of the state to work together for peace to reign.

Lieutenant-General Dambazzau explained that he was in the state to commiserate and convey President Buhari's condolence to the people of Shinkafi Local Government Area, and the state in general

over the security situation.

While speaking with newsmen during the minister's visit, the chairman of Shinkafi Local Government Area, who was represented by his deputy, Sani Galadima, explained that on Sunday night, six Civilian JTF members were killed by bandits in the area.

He also said no fewer than 98 communities were ransacked, just as he blamed security agents for not responding early enough to distress calls.