

## 16 killed, 14 injured by bandits in Zamfara on Sallah day, says state govt

BANDITS allegedly killed 16 persons in Kanoma District of Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State on Sallah day, the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* reported.

Confirming the attack in a press statement in Gusau, the state capital, on Wednesday, the Director-General on Media to the state governor, Yusuf Idris, said "the governor visited the community and sympathised with them."

"During the visit, the governor also directed security agencies to immediately swing into action and bring the perpetrators to book.

"The governor also directed the movement of 14 persons, who sustained injuries from gunshots from Kanoma General Hospital to the Federal Medical Centre, Gusau, for better medical care.

"The bill should be charged to the state government," he said.

He then expressed the state governor's resolve to join hands with well meaning individuals and groups in the state to bring an end to armed banditry in the state.

He said the District Head of Kanoma, Yahaya Mohammed, had told the governor that the bandits invaded the area in the evening and fired gunshots sporadically, which led to the death of the 16 persons.

## Don't be distracted by terrorists' propaganda, Air Force boss charges officers

CHIEF of Air Staff, Air Marshal Sadiq Abubakar, has tasked Air Force officers and men not to allow the propaganda of terrorists and bandits stop them from discharging their duties of protecting the nation, the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* has reported.

Abubakar, who stated this on Wednesday in Katsina during a special Sallah reception organised for officers and men participating in Operation Sharan-Daji, said the men must be ready for the task of flushing out bandits from Rugu forest in the state.