

Joint security task force kills 100 suspected terrorists in Niger

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NO fewer than about 100 bandits were killed, on Wednesday during a gun duel with the Joint Security Task Force in Bangi Village, Mariga Local Government Area of Niger State. bandits escaped with gunshot wounds, while 61 motorcycles were recovered from them.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Bala Monday Kuryas, who confirmed the killing during an interactive session with newsmen, also hinted that some of the

Kuryas stated: "We appeal to rural dwellers not to hesitate to report to the nearest security outfits any person or group of persons with gunshot wounds for security action.

"We have put in place sensitive security measures that will deal with any unforeseen circumstances in our area of supervisions.

"All we require from mem-

bers of the public is vital information that could help our personnel on ground to deal with any form of security threat."

Meanwhile, the Niger State government has commended the task force for demonstrating high sense of professionalism during the gun battle with the bandits.

The chairman, Joint Security Task Force and Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, and Internal Security,

Mr. Emmanuel Umar, told the *Nigerian Tribune*: "We are really making progress in the ongoing fight against bandits, kidnappers, cattle rustlers and other criminal elements in our state.

"The exchange of gun fire between the gunmen suspected to be terrorist elements and the Joint Security Task Force and vigilante outfits led to the killing of several bandits.

"We also recovered over 61 motorcycles during the operation," he stated.