

# Bandits didn't shut down Kaduna Airport, we killed 12 of them —Military

## NLC describes attack as assault on Nigeria

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**M**ILITARY authorities have cleared the air on the recent reported attack on the Kaduna International Airport by bandits.

According to the military, the incident took place six kilometers away from the terminal and outside the Airport parameter fence.

The military also said they killed 12 of the bandits.

This was disclosed Monday afternoon when Kaduna State Commissioner

of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, Garrison Commander 1 Division Nigerian Army, Brigadier-General Uriah Opuene and Air Force Base Commander, Air Commodore, Ademuyiwa Adedoyin led journalists on an assessment tour of the attack scene.

Briefing journalists at the scene of the attack, Opuene said the Kaduna International Airport is very secure, adding that, there are several layers of security at the airport and that bandits could not have dared to attack it.

According to him, preliminary investigations have

revealed that the bandits were just passing through the back of the airport towards Riyawa village when they sighted the security man engaged by the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) to watch over their metrological equipment around the axis.

"As you can see, this place is about six kilometers away from the airport terminal. The bandits were only passing behind the airport parameter fence when they saw the security man engaged by NAMA and they fired at him. They just took advantage of that to pass a message that they have at-

tacked the airport.

"There are several layers of security at the airport. This is the first layer and even this first layer was not breached, because from the moment of hearing that shot, it took our men just about three minutes to get here from the next layer of security.

"On arrival, the bandits were already running away, so we engaged them through the use of ground forces. Then we called for air strike and a helicopter was deployed and from the air report, about 12 of the bandits were killed.

"As you can see from the

distance, the insinuation outside that the terrorists took over the airport is not correct. If the terrorists had entered, they would have met us there," he said.

Also speaking, the NAF Base Commander, Air Commodore Adedoyin, said security around the airport general area had been beefed up since the security of the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) was breached last year, adding that bandits don't have the audacity to attack the Kaduna Airport.

Meanwhile, the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Ka-

duna State council, has condemned the attack on the airport, describing it as an assault on Nigeria.

This was contained in a statement signed by the state chairperson, Ayuba Magaji Suleiman, and made available to newsmen on Monday in Kaduna.

The congress lamented that in spite of heavy presence of military in Igabi Area, the bandits were able to breach protocols.

NLC, while commending security agencies for their efforts in checking insecurity in the country, appealed that more efforts should be put in place.