

Troops repel attacks on Niger communities, kill 10 terrorists

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2 OPERATIVES of the Niger State Joint Security Team on Monday repelled attacks on some communities in the state, just as they killed 10 terrorists and rescued 14 abducted victims.

It was gathered that the terrorists had attacked the villages of Kawo and Uregi in Rafi Local Government Area of the state at about 5:00 p.m. during the Eid-el-Fitr celebration in the areas.

The Commissioner for Local Government, Chieftaincy

Affairs and Internal Security in the state, Emmanuel Bagna Umar, confirmed the incident to newsmen during an interactive session in Minna, the state capital.

Umar said: "The suspected terrorists, on motorcycles, attempted to attack Kawo and

Uregi villages in Rafi Local Government Area to disrupt the Sallah celebration, but were neutralised by the joint security operatives in the state."

The commissioner said: "On receipt of the information, the joint security tactical teams responded swiftly and

mobilised to the area, where they engaged the miscreants and subdued them around Uregi and Kiribo villages.

"Following the encounter, about 10 bandits were neutralised, 14 abducted victims rescued and seven operational motorcycles were re-

covered with arms and ammunition."

Umar commended the security personnel, including local vigilante members, who he said left their families during the Sallah celebration to provide security for the people.