

# APC condemns Kaduna killings, troops kill 10 bandits, destroy camps in 3 LGAs

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THE Kaduna State All Progressives Congress (APC) Campaign Council has condemned the bandit attack in Kaura Local Government, describing it as shocking and unfortunate.

In a statement issued by its Director General, Professor Muhammad Sani Bello, the Campaign Council commiserated with Malagum and Sokwong communities in Kaura Local Government Area where several people were reportedly killed.

The council said: "The unfortunate attack which is coming on the heels of relative peace in Kaduna state, following ariel bombardment by the Nigerian Air Force and attacks by ground troops, has thrown Kaura Area Council, Kaduna State and the entire country into mourning over the loss of lives and properties.

"As a mark of respect to the souls of the deceased and in mourning with the families of the bereaved, the Kaduna State APC Campaign Council has suspended its townhall meeting.

"The Campaign Council is extending its condolence to the Kagoro traditional institution, the good people of Kaura Local Government Council and Kaduna State government over this unfortunate incident.

"We pray for the repose of the souls of the dead and we hope that the perpetrators of this dastardly act will be apprehended and brought to book soon. We equally pray for a peaceful and prosperous Kaduna state and Nigeria in general."

It praised the prompt response of security agents for containing the situation and preventing it from escalating

into another round of crisis and bloodletting.

Meanwhile, military troops have ambushed bandits, killed 10 of them and destroyed several camps across Chikun, Birnin Gwari and Giwa local government areas of the state.

In a statement on Friday, the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said: "Troops of Operation Forest Sanity neutralised eight bandits and seized six motorcycles during ambush patrols in the Chikun/Birnin Gwari general areas.

"According to feedback to the Kaduna State government, the troops set up ambush positions at bandits' crossing points in the Buruku/Birnin Gwari areas.

"The troops thus made contact with bandits and killed eight, while recovering four motorcycles and three mobile phones in the first successful mission.

"The troops then engaged bandits in a second mission and recovered two motorcycles.

"In a similar operation, troops killed two bandits during clearance patrols along the Sabon Birni-Maidaro-Dogon-Dawa-Galadimawa-Kidandan-Fatika axes.

"The troops recovered one AK-47 rifle, two magazines loaded with 52 rounds, six motorcycles and three mobile phones.

"The troops also dislodged camps around Garke and Galadimawa in Giwa LGA, recovering three Dane guns, two magazines, some military uniforms and nine motorcycles.

"Governor Nasir El-Rufai noted the reports with gratitude, and commended the troops' stealth, bravery and resilience in the successful operations."