

The force said it also foiled another plot by the suspects,

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was immune to corruption, Shapps said that the solution to the menace was in the evolution of good governance.

He said, "Nigeria matters to the UK. The UK is fully committed to helping Nigeria increase its security, stability and prosperity.

"Tackling corruption is imperative to that. We share and support President Muhammadu Buhari's commitment to rooting it out.

"We will continue to provide capacity building and technical and investigative support to Nigeria to tackle corruption and we are scaling up this support. We have an opportunity now to develop a comprehensive partnership across these areas."

Speaking on the occasion, Kaduna State Governor, Nasir el-Rufai, said the emergence of Buhari was a divine intervention aimed at repositioning the country.

Ponce, Solomon Arase, who announced this to journalists during the monthly strategic police conference, on Tuesday, in Abuja, explained that the suspects who hail from Okene, Kogi State, were assisting police investigations into their broad terror network, noting that they would be tried after

Bello Tanu.

The suspects, the IG added, were arrested at their hideouts in Niger, Ekiti and Ondo states respectively.

According to the police boss, items recovered from them included the motorcycle used to transport their victim and N823, 990 cash which was

Kogi: Boko Haram, army in gunfight

Afeez Hanafi

SOME suspected Boko Haram members and Nigerian soldiers reportedly engaged in a gunfight on Tuesday in Inike, a community in Okene Local Government Area, Kogi State.

It was learnt that the troop had trailed a suspect, who reportedly escaped from prison to a hideout in the community but his group members obstructed the soldiers and opened fire on them.

A resident of Adani, a neighbouring community, who identified himself only as Sulaiman, said about seven members of the sect were killed while two soldiers sustained gunshot wounds.

Sulaiman said there had been palpable fear in Inike since Saturday when the army

stormed the group's hideout.

He said, "According to what I heard, a Boko Haram suspect escaped from prison and ran to meet his group led by one Baba in Inike. Three days ago, (on Saturday), soldiers attempted to arrest him but the group resisted and engaged the army in a gunfight. Nobody died that day.

"Around 6am today (Tuesday), soldiers surrounded the group's dwelling and started shooting. The group responded. Seven of them were killed in the process while two soldiers were injured."

The PUNCH learnt from another source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, that the suspect that was trailed to the community was one of the robbers, who

The Department of State Services had on Monday paraded two suspects, Babawuro Kato and Abdullahi Usman, who claimed that the abduction of Falae was carried out by a three-man gang, adding that the mastermind, one Dantito, escaped with the money.

robbed workers of the Adani Local Government Area of the state on Wednesday, September 23.

It will be recalled that a popular bank in Ogaminana area of the state was attacked on September 23, when robbers carted away N25m from workers of the local government. Two workers of the bank and two policemen were killed in the robbery.

He said, "I learnt that the soldiers trailed the robbers who robbed at a bank in Ogaminana and stole millions of naira that some workers sent by the chairman of Adani LGA to withdraw for the payment of salaries. The soldiers that were shot were rushed to Federal Medical Centre, Lokoja, and I learnt one of them is dead."

UI rejoices

THE University of Ibadan community on Tuesday went into jubilation after it was announced that the name of its outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Adewole, was in the fresh ministerial nominee list sent by President Muhammadu Buhari to the Senate for screening.

Media assistant to Adewole, Mr. Sunday Saanu, described the mood on the campus as 'overwhelmingly joyous', adding that the university community received the news with elation.

He said, "The university community feels so proud of Prof. Adewole's achievements in office, members of this community see this nomination as an icing on the cake.

"Prof. Adewole is a strategic thinker. We are happy that the government could see his achievements in UI and call on him to come and do more for his country. Indeed, the reward for hard work is opportunity to do more. We are so grateful to President Buhari for this honour. The country will benefit substantially from the depth of Adewole's knowledge