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Kaduna gunmen ambush anti-bandits policemen's vehicle, four killed, cop missing

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FOUR riot policemen lost their lives on Friday after bandits numbering about 100 attacked them along Birnin-Gwari Funtua highway.

The operatives attached to Police Mobile Force 9 Squadron, Kano, reportedly repelled the

attacks and inflicted heavy casualties on the criminals.

According to a statement on Sunday by the Force spokesman, CP Frank Mba, one officer was missing from the personnel attached to Operation Puff Adder.

They had just completed their operation against bandits and other criminals in Niger

State and were returning to their base in Kano when they were ambushed.

The statement explained that the remaining 11 men led by their Unit Commander successfully recovered the bodies and firearms of their fallen colleagues, noting that efforts were being intensified to rescue the missing officer.

The statement was titled, 'PMF personnel successfully repel ambush attack on their convoy in Birnin-Gwari'.

It read, "Contrary to unconfirmed reports in some sections of the media stating that 18 officers were kidnapped, 16 officers were attacked in the ambush.

"The officers successfully repelled the attack accordingly and neutralised the bandits while many of the bandits scampered into the bush with gunshot injuries.

"Regrettably, four officers paid the supreme price during

the exchange of gun fire between the police and the bandits while an officer is still missing."

The Force added that four riot policemen were killed by the bandits on Friday.

The Birnin-Gwari Emirate Progressives Union had on Sunday claimed that five policemen were killed by bandits at Farinruwa area of Birnin-Gwari LG on Friday.

In another development, the Air Task Force of Operation

Lafiya Dole destroyed additional six gun trucks and eliminated scores of terrorists attempting to reinforce their colleagues in the attack on Marte in Borno State.

This is coming few hours after the Nigeria Air Force destroyed seven gun trucks belonging to the criminals.

The Defence Headquarters Spokesman, Maj. Gen. John Enenche, disclosed in a statement that several Boko Haram terrorists were killed

during the mop-up attack on their convoy on Friday.

"The helicopters delivered accurate hits in their multiple waves of attack, obliterating no fewer than six additional gun trucks, which were seen engulfed in flames across the battle space.

"Several other terrorists were mopped-up in follow-on attacks as the helicopter gunships continued to strafe the fleeing ISWAP elements," the DHQ stated.

Kwara partners Lagos on agric, unveil 10-year transformation plan

Tunde Oyekola, Ilorin

KWARA State Governor, AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, on Friday launched a 10-year Agricultural Transformation Plan designed to ensure food security, generate employment opportunities and reduce poverty rate.

A statement by Rafiu Ajakaye, Chief Press Secretary to the governor, indicated that the state would partner Lagos State on food security as part of the 10-year plan.

"The governor said he was

Salihu, said the administration of AbdulRazaq was making frantic efforts to improve rural road infrastructure for easy movement of farm produce.

"This plan, when well implemented, will improve the state's internally generated revenue, which is very important. With the Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP), about 700kms will be taken care of and the Agricultural Transformation Plan will be a plus to us all in the state," he said.

Gombe plans recruitment of 2,850 corps for security

Chima Azubuike, Gombe

THE Commissioner for Internal Security and Ethical Orientation, Dauda Batari, says government is poised to securing residents and environment with the introduction of corps.

Batari disclosed this while addressing newsmen

on Saturday, adding that 25 members were expected to be employed in each of the 114 wards of the state to provide protection.

Recall that Governor Inuwa Yahaya in 2019 proscribed a group known as Marshal established by former governor, Ibrahim Dankwambo.

The commissioner said,

"Council has approved the establishment of Gombe State Security and Environmental Corps across the 114 wards of the state.

"It approved that in each ward, we should have 25 personnel for Gombe State Security and Environmental Protection Corps.

"Hitherto, we used to have what is called marshal, which was restricted to some areas in Gombe but this is a state wide one. They will be in every