

## Troops, Niger vigilantes ambush terrorists, kill scores, recover cows

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**A**N unidentified number of terrorists terrorising Magama Local Government Area in Niger State have been neutralised by the joint security task force in the state.

The security task force, in collaboration with local

vigilante group members, were said to have surrounded the terrorists, killing some of them who are notorious in attacking Munya and Mariga communities.

A source, who did not want his name in print, told our correspondent that the security task force and vigilantes are

still in the forests flushing out the bandits at the time of filing this report on Sunday.

Our correspondent also gathered that over 300 cows have already been recovered from the onslaught on the bandits in both local government areas.

It was gathered that in Mariga Local Government Area, troops of the 31 Artillery Brigade successfully neutralised a large number of terrorists within Chikarumbu and Mahoro communities in Gulbin Boka district and recovered over 200 cattle.

The Head of Vigilante of Mariga Local Government Area, Saidu Bello, said the terrorists had already invaded the communities and were taking the cattle away when the troops and the vigilantes mobilised and went after them.

He added that soldiers and vigilantes ambushed the terrorists when they were attacking Maraba Dandaudu and killed many of them.

When our correspondent contacted the state Police Public Relations Officer, Wasiu Abiodun, he said the incident happened in Mariga and Mashegu areas but declined to give further details, saying it was a joint operation and he didn't have the authority to speak on it.

The state Commissioner for Local Government, Chieftaincy Affairs and Internal Security, Emmanuel Umar, confirmed that the incidents happened in Mariga and Magama, saying he will be addressing a press conference on Monday (today) to give details.



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seek leave to appeal against the decision.

But, in a counter affidavit, Atabo prayed the court to reject the application on the grounds that it was frivolous.

Atabo argued that, not only did the applicants fail to provide cogent reasons to support their request for seeking extension of time to appeal, but that they are

allegedly in disobedience of a subsisting order of court, directing them to enter their defence to the substantive suit.

Lawyers to parties made their final submissions and adopted their written addresses on March 9 following which the court reserved ruling to a date to be communicated to parties.