

# Kaduna airport not attacked, 12 terrorists eliminated – Military

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**T**HE military authority said on Monday that troops killed 12 of the bandits that attacked the Kaduna International Airport on Saturday.

It also the incident occurred six kilometres away from the terminal and outside the airport perimeter fence.

The clarification was made when the Kaduna State

Commissioner of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan; Garrison Commander, 1 Division Nigerian Army, Kaduna Brig.-Gen. Uriah Opuene; and Air Force Base Commander, Air Commodore Ademuyiwa Adedoyin, visited scene of the attack on Monday.

Opuene, while briefing journalists, said there are several layers of security at the airport and that bandits could not have dared to attack

it.

He said preliminary investigation showed that the bandits were passing through the back of the airport towards Riyawa village, when they sighted the security man engaged by the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency to watch over their metrological equipment around the axis.

Opuene said, "As you can see, this place is about six kilometres away from the

airport terminal. The bandits were only passing behind the airport perimeter fence when they saw the security man engaged by NAMA and they fired at him. They just took advantage of that to pass a message that they have attacked the airport.

"There are several layers of security at the airport. This is the first layer and even this first layer was not breached because from the moment of hearing that shot, it took our men just about three minutes to get here from the next layer of security.

"On arrival, the bandits were already running away. So, we engaged them through the use of ground forces. Then we called for air strike and a helicopter was deployed and from the air report, about 12 of the bandits were killed.

"So, as you can see from the distance, the insinuation outside that the terrorists took over the airport is not correct. If the terrorists had entered, they would have met us there."

## Abba kyari, others transferred to prison, court denies DCP bail

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**T**HE Federal High Court sitting in Abuja, on Monday, ordered the transfer of the suspended Deputy Commissioner of Police, Abba Kyari, and six others that are facing drug trafficking charges with him to the Kuje Correctional Centre.

The trial judge, Justice Emeka Nwike, ordered the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency to transfer the defendants to

who pleaded guilty, should be remanded in Suleja Correctional Centre," the court ruled.

*The PUNCH* had reported that Chibuna Umeibe and Emeka Ezenwanne, who were cited as the 6th and 7th defendants in the charge, had on March 7, when they were arraigned alongside Kyari, pleaded guilty to the drug trafficking charge against them.

The court on Monday listened to arguments from both the prosecution and

the defence on NDLEA's application for the review of facts in respect of the two defendants, to enable their conviction and sentencing.

Kyari's lead counsel, Kanu Agabi (SAN), had contended that it would be prejudicial to his client for facts of the case to be reviewed and decision reached on it, while the trial is still subsisting.

"It is not in the interest of justice for the facts to be reviewed while the trial is still ongoing," he argued.

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