

Seven terrorists killed in Kaduna, Plateau, cleric rescued

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TROOPS of the Nigerian Army on 'Operation Whirl Punch' have killed three terrorists during a clearance operation in the Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

This was as troops on Operation Safe Haven in charge of maintaining peace in Plateau State have killed four bandits and arrested 19 suspected kidnappers in the state.

Also, the Kaduna State Police Command rescued a cleric from the kidnappers' den.

According to a statement by the acting Deputy Director, Army Public Relations of One Mechanised Division, Lt. Col. Musa Yahaya, the troops encountered the terrorists while on a clearance operation at Maidaro, Ngade, Ahla and Rikau Villages in Birnin

Gwari LGA of Kaduna State on Sunday.

Yahaya explained that the terrorists, on sighting the troops, took to their heels, and the troops gave them a

hot chase, killing two of them while scores of the hoodlums escaped with gunshot wounds and abandoned one motorcycle.

Similarly, the troops

neutralised another terrorist during an operation around Tantatu and Antena general area in the Chikun Local Government Area. During the operation, the troops

recovered one AK-47 rifle, one magazine, ammunition and two phones.

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Court hears suit seeking PDP acting chair's removal

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THE Federal High Court in Abuja has fixed November 16 to hear a suit seeking the removal of the acting Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party, Umar Damagum.

The suit marked FHC/ABJ/05/1343/2023, was filed by the Youth Leader of the Kwara State PDP, Haliru Mahmud.

Mahmud wants the court to determine whether the alleged refusal of Damagum to convene a meeting of the National Executive Committee for four quarters was not a breach of the PDP

constitution.

According to him, going by the PDP Constitution, the PDP NEC meeting ought to hold every quarter.

He, therefore, wants "an order of perpetual injunction of this Honourable Court restraining the 2nd defendant (Damagum) from parading himself as acting National Chairman or acting in any manner whatsoever or carrying out further functions as the National Chairman of the 1st defendant (PDP)."

He wants the court to nullify "all actions and decisions taken by the 2nd defendant (Damagum) on behalf of the 1st defendant (PDP) from

the time of the expiration of his tenure in acting capacity

A'Court reserves judgment on LP, PDP suits against Sanwo-Olu
Onozure Dania

THE Court of Appeal in Lagos, on Tuesday, reserved judgments on the cases of the Labour Party and the Peoples Democratic Party challenging the victory of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of the All Progressives Congress in the March 18 governorship election in Lagos State.

The appellate court adjourned for judgment after the hearing of the appeals by the LP and its candidate, Gbadebo Rhodes-Vivour; as well as the PDP and its candidate, Azeez Adediran, aka Jandor.

as the Chairman of the 1st defendant (PDP)."

The Lagos State Governorship Election Petitions Tribunal had on September 25, dismissed the petitions by the two opposition parties challenging Sanwo-Olu's victory.

But displeased, the two parties proceeded on appeal.

At the hearing of the two appeals on Tuesday, a three-man panel, comprising Justices Justice Nimpar Yargata, Samuel Bola and Paul Bassi, took arguments from the legal teams, after which they reserved ruling to a date to be communicated to the parties.