

Kebbi gov seeks permanent military base over Lakurawa attacks

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The Kebbi State Governor, Nasir Idris, has urged the Federal Government to approve the set-up of a permanent Government Area following the latest attack by Lakurawa terrorists with 16 villagers killed.

In a statement on Monday, the Kebbi State Police Command confirmed the attack, saying it had deployed tactical teams to hunt the terrorists.

Speaking with *The PUNCH*, the Special Adviser to the Kebbi State Governor on Communication and Strategy, Idris Zuru, said Governor Idris visited the attacked community on Sunday and called on the Federal Government to approve the set-up of a permanent military base in the area in order to forestall future attacks.

“The governor was there yesterday (Sunday) and also went back today (Monday). He has been engaging the people of the area.

“He even called for a permanent military base in the place, which will help in tackling the insecurity issue there.

“Those bandits are not from here; they usually attack from Sokoto and once they kill or rustle cows, they will run back to where they came from.

“This is why the governor calls for a permanent military base in the area. He has vowed to do anything within his power to ensure the lives and properties of people in that area are fully protected,” the SA said.

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In a statement released on Monday, the Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Nafiu Abubakar, said the latest attack occurred on Saturday, April 6, 2025, around 6 pm, when heavily armed bandits suspected to be members of the notorious Lakurawa group stormed the two villages.

“The attackers, who arrived in large numbers, rustled an unspecified number of cattle and engaged in a deadly confrontation with community members, which led to the tragic loss of sixteen lives,” the statement read.

Condemning the attack, the Commissioner of Police, Bello Sani, assured the public that swift justice would be served. He announced the deployment of additional tactical teams comprising the police, military, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, and local vigilantes to the affected areas.

“Our resolve to rid Kebbi State of banditry and other violent crimes remains firm. We are deploying all available resources to ensure that the perpetrators of this senseless act are brought to justice,” CP Sani stated.

CSP Abubakar also confirmed that normalcy has been restored to the affected communities and that a comprehensive investigation is ongoing.

The Command urged residents to stay calm and cooperate with security agencies, reaffirming its commitment to the protection of lives and property throughout the state.