


Bauchi to probe killing of 19 hunters during patrol

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Bauchi State Governor, Bala Mohammed, has promised collaboration with security agencies to bring to justice those behind the killing of 19 hunters.

A team of hunters from Duguri and Gwana Districts was on a routine patrol, near the Duguri Mansur and Dajin Madam Forest areas, when bandits ambushed them.

 Bauchi State Governor, Bala Mohammed said that in the Government Area of the state, the bandits opened fire on the hunters while they attempted to escape.

In a statement on Monday by Bala's Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Mukhtar Gidado, the governor lamented what he described as a senseless act of violence by criminal elements intent on disrupting peace in the state.

While extending his condolences to the families of the bereaved, the people of Alkaleri Local Government, and the entire Bauchi State, Bala Mohammed prayed for the repose of the souls of the fallen heroes who paid the ultimate price in the line of duty to protect their communities.

“This heinous and senseless act of violence is a painful reminder of the continued threat posed by criminal elements who seek to disrupt the peace and security of our communities.

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“While the government intensifies collaboration with security forces to bring the perpetrators of this dastardly act to justice, Governor Bala Mohammed assures the public that no effort will be spared in ensuring that Bauchi remains a safe and peaceful state for all,” the statement added.

Bala called on residents to work hand-in-hand with security agencies by providing timely and credible information that can help prevent such tragic occurrences in the future.

This is as he reiterated the government’s unwavering commitment to tackling all forms of insecurity across the state.

Following the attack, Army troops from the 33 Artillery Brigade, police and other security agencies were reported to have launched a joint operation to track down the assailants and prevent further attacks in the area.

PUNCH Metro reported in April that six operatives of the Zamfara State Community Protection Guards, popularly known as Askarawa and four local vigilantes were killed in an ambush by bandits in the Anka Local Government

Area of the state.