

## Kamuku forest: 6 northern govs meet on how to combat crime

From **Noah Ebije**, Kaduna

**SIX** northern governors of the states bordering the dreaded Kamuku Forest of Kaduna, met at the weekend for the third time this year on how to completely wipe out deadly criminals in the forest.

The governors of Kaduna, Katsina, Niger, Zamfara, Kebbi and Sokoto brainstormed on ways of ending the security threats posed by the evil forest.

Recall that in late July 2015, joint security task force operating in the forest in Bimin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State, killed three armed robbers and recovered over 850 stolen cattle.

However, addressing newsmen shortly after a closed door meeting, Governor of Katsina State, Aminu Bello Masari, said: "We have asked the joint task force, comprising the Nigerian Army, Air Force, Police and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps to continue with their operations till further notice."

The governors tasked the Joint Task Force to redouble their efforts at safeguarding lives and property, while assuring people of the states that, "the lingering insecurity in the areas would soon come to an end."

Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Barnabas Bala Bantex, represented the host governor, Malam Nasir El-Rufai on the occasion.

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