

Hunters kill scores of terrorists in Niger, bandits capture 3

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SPECIAL hunters operating in Shiroro and Munya local government areas of Niger State have launched an offensive against terrorists operating

in communities across the two LGAs, killing scores of them.

Among those killed by the hunters was the elder brother of one of the most notorious terrorist commanders in the area, popularly known as Al-

haji Leyi. It was gathered that Leyi masterminded the abduction of about 69 people from Zagzaga, who later regained their freedom after payment of N5 million and two motorcycles as ransom.

Also, 13 family members of the chairman of Shiroro LGA, Mallam Suleiman Chukuba, who were abducted over four weeks ago, are still being held by Leyi's group who have demanded N53 million.

Many of the terrorists also escaped with bullet wounds when the special hunters combed the forests in the area in a special operation, which began shortly after the Yuletide. The communities in the two LGAs where the operation is ongoing have been without mobile network in the last one week.

However, a source close to the communities told Daily Sun that three of the hunters are being held hostage by the terrorists after capturing them during the exchange of fire.

"The hunters killed a number of these bandits when they (hunters) invaded the bush. It is a serious operation going on there at the moment and that is why there is some relative peace now.

"But unfortunately, the bandits captured three of the special hunters during the encounter, and they are still being held by the bandits", our source said.

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Police against cover-up

reportedly killed on Sunday, September 12, 2021, under disturbing circumstances.

PANDEF said that since the incident, the police authority has been giving "excuses and pretexts over the arrest of those who cut short the life of a promising young man of Niger Delta extraction".

The statement explained, "the Police have not provided any substantial feedback on the matter to the family, meanwhile, all the parties who were with the deceased at the time of the crime have been arrested, released and rearrested".

The situation, reflects the general disposition of the Police to cases like this, where people are killed and the perpetrators are never arrested nor brought to book.

While condemning the delay and nonchalant manner in which investigations on the matter are being conducted, PANDEF tasked the police authority on the matter, saying that the suspected killers may be walking freely and perhaps planning their next evil act,

"PANDEF condemns this

attitude of the police, in the strongest terms, and demands that immediate steps should be taken to speed up the investigation and arrest the masterminds behind the murder of our son, Toritseju Emmanuel Jackson.

"The danger of this lackadaisical behaviour of the police, in this matter and several others before it, is that it could impel citizens to take matters into their hands since the government and the Police are failing to provide justice.

"Situations like this reinforce the demand for restructuring of the country. The nation's security architecture, like everything else, has become obsolete and outmoded.

"How can people raise children, sponsor them through school, only to be killed in the streets of Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory, and the police is doing little or nothing about it? Is it because of where he came from or because the parents are not people in the corridors of power?"

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