

Troops kill 16 terrorists, injure scores in Kaduna

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MILITARY troops have killed 16 terrorists and injured several others in two separate attacks carried out on notorious terrorists and bandits' hideouts in Kaduna State.

The feat is coming few weeks after the launch of 'Operation Show no Mercy, to wipe out bandits, terrorists, kidnappers and other criminals disturbing the peace in the state.

Military sources revealed that the air component of Operation Whirl Punch carried out the air interdiction missions against identified terrorists' hideouts at Alhaji Isiaka location and Kuduru in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State, on Tuesday.

The strikes, as revealed by reliable sources, were suc-

cessful as 14 terrorists were eliminated with several others injured, adding that similar strikes were also undertaken at Udawa, along Kaduna - Birnin Gwari Road, in Kaduna State, after receiving intelligence reports of terrorists' activities of cow rustling in the area.

He said following the dis-

Illegal demolition: Court remands Secretary of Benin Traditional Council, 6 others in prison

From **Tony Osauzo** and **Ighomuaye Lucky** Benin

AN Edo State High Court in Benin, yesterday, remanded the Secretary of Benin Traditional Council, Frank Irabor and six others in prison, custody.

Others are Chief Oko-Obloh Ebosele, 63; Aghav-

tress call, "NAF aircraft were immediately scrambled to the location, where they intercepted and neutralised several terrorists on bikes guiding the rustled herds of cattle. Feedback from local sources and own troops deployment around the area revealed that the terrorists suffered heavy

casualties from the airstrikes."

Confirming the incident, NAF Director, Public Relations, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, said: "It is clear from the foregoing that the Armed Forces of Nigeria and other security agencies have continued to sustain and maintain their onslaught on terrorists and their activities with varying

degrees of successes.

"For as long as Nigerians continue to support the military and other security agencies, through the provision of timely information on activities and movement of terrorists, the end to the current security impasse may just be in sight."

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bere Osawemwenguan, 64; Abel Oko Obloh, 45; Tuesday Atagamene, 52; Okechukwu Okeke, 27; and Ode Uloko, 24. The defendants are facing prosecution for their alleged involvement in the illegal demolition of over 80 houses in Ulegun Community, Ikpoba-Okha Local Government Area of Edo State. They were arrested on Wednesday by the Edo State Police Command

and charged to court yesterday.

The presiding Judge, Justice Mary Itsuelli ordered the defendants to be remanded in the Oko maximum prison pending receipt of legal advice from the Director of Public Prosecution.

Their arrest and prosecution by the police followed several protests and pleas by Ulegun community for justice over the illegal destruction of their property worth

nity's Chief Priest (Ohen), Philip Uwuoroya, by a group of chiefs, led by Frank Irabor.

The protesters included land developers, women, leaders and youths in the community, among others. They took their protest to the Government House, where they called on the state government to intervene and rescue them from the hands of those they described as "tormentors."

The community lamented