

Bandits Kill Nine People, Rustle Livestock in Zamfara

● *FG's ranching in Rugu Forest can tackle banditry, says Masari*

Onuminya Innocent in Sokoto

Zamfara State Police Command has confirmed that nine persons have been killed by bandits in Tungar Ruwa Village located in Anka Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

The attack came as Governor Aminu Bello Masari of Katsina

State yesterday declared that the establishment of the federal government's ranching facilities in Katsina's Rugu forest would tackle cattle rustling as well as banditry in the state.

Zamfara State Police Public Relations Officer, Mohammed Shehu, said the gunmen also rustled livestock, burgled shops, and carted away foodstuffs,

among other valuables.

The gunmen, who invaded the community, started shooting sporadically, leading to the death of nine locals and several others injured.

The police spokesman, who confirmed the attack on Friday night, said the tactical operatives had been deployed to the area to go

after the perpetrators and to forestall further attacks.

He further appealed to the people to always cooperate with security agencies to clamp down on criminals and their collaborators.

Zamfara State is notorious for bandit attacks.

Meanwhile, Governor Masari of Katsina State has stated

that the establishment of the federal government's ranching facilities in Katsina's Rugu forest would tackle cattle rustling as well as banditry attacks in the state.

Masari spoke in Marshi Local Government Area during the 2021 annual mass vaccination of livestock diseases, including CBPP, PPR, FMD and Newcastle.

He noted that in order to address the serious issue of cattle rustling and banditry, the federal government approved the establishment of ranches and related facilities in Rugu forest.

The governor, who was represented at the occasion by his deputy, Mr. Mannir Yakubu, said 'livestock production centres would be established in the state under the Livestock Productivity and Resilience

Support Project (LPRES).

He further disclosed that the state government would fund varieties of crops and livestock that would produce more in the shortest possible time.

"The present administration is leaving no stone unturned towards training and re-training of staff to meet the challenges of modern times, with some staff from the department attending various professional courses in different universities across the country, aimed at improving their skills and expertise," the governor said.

He further called on all and sundry to cooperate fully and support the Katsina State Government, towards achieving its goals and restoring agriculture and livestock production to its pride of place.

NDLEA Arrests 12 Apapa Dock Workers over Link to Seized N9.5bn Cocaine

Michael Olugbode in Abuja

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) yesterday said it had arrested 12 dockworkers at the Apapa Seaport in Lagos over their alleged link to the importation of 32.9 kilogrammes of cocaine worth over N9.5 billion in street value.

Director of Prosecution and Legal Services, Joseph Nbone Sunday on Thursday 28th October was granted the following day Friday, 29th October by Hon. Justice A.O. Awogboro. An application to renew the remand order was also filed on Friday, 12th November because of the volume of evidence coming

those who do not have any serious involvement are let go. "Already, two dockworkers are now on the run, after absconding from their place of work, since the beginning of the investigation.

"For the avoidance of doubt,

all the agency's actions are guided by international best practices and in line with the Global Maritime Standard Operational Procedure on arrest, seizure, and detention of vessels and crew members," the statement added.