

Gunmen strike again in Kano•Kill 3 •We're ready for terrorists - COAS

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PANDEMONIUM broke out on Saturday evening when gunmen on motorbike attacked Gaida village, by Sharada Industrial area on the outskirts of Kano and allegedly killed three people and injured another person.

According to an eyewitness, the alleged Boko Haram members who struck at the area had a field day. He added that immediately they alighted from their motorbike, they started shooting into the air to scare away people in the area.

Later, they went to a relaxation spot where they reportedly killed three people and injured another person, before escaping on their motorbike.

It was also alleged that they were speaking in a local language threatening to kill anyone who was against their doctrine.

All efforts to get the police to confirm the incident were unsuccessful at the time of filing this report.

However, a source within the police circles, who pleaded anonymity, confirmed the incident.

In a related development, the Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant-General Azubuike Ihejirika, has said the army is combat ready to deal with terrorists in the country.

Ihejirika said this at the graduation of the 3rd Batch of Special Force troops at the Counter Terrorism and Insurgency Centre in Kachia, Kaduna State on Sunday.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reported that the Special Forces were trained on counter terrorism and counter insurgency.

Represented by the Commander Brigade of Guards, Brigadier-General Emmanuel Atewe, the COAS said a lot was expected of the troops in areas of their deployment.

He said that the special troop had been sufficiently trained, transformed and equipped with the necessary skills to tackle the various security challenges facing the country.

The COAS appealed to them to exhibit a high sense of professionalism and dedication in the conduct of their assignments by adhering strictly to the rules of the task.

Ihejirika also urged the troops to channel their energy towards addressing the nation's security challenges, to alleviate the sufferings of innocent and law-abiding citizens bearing the brunt of terrorists' attacks.

Earlier, the director of the Centre, Brigadier-General Tijjani Golau, said that no fewer than 298 soldiers participated in the four-week programme.

Golau said that of the figure, 200, known as defenders, went through Basic Special Forces training.

He added that the training covered fighting in built-up areas, VIP protection, search and rescue operations, tactical combat shooting, weapon handling, unarmed combat, tactics, physical fitness and others.

Golan expressed confidence in the ability of the participants to give good account of themselves when deployed for the task ahead.

The Commandant-General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Dr Olu Abolurin,

said the training would strengthen the synergy and co-operation among security agencies to contain the nation's security problems.

He was represented by Mr Suleiman Akanbi, the Deputy Commandant-General (Administration) of the organisation.

Highlights at the occasion were demonstration of tactical combat shooting, tactics, weapon handling, and rescue operations, among others by the Special Forces.