

# 16 killed in fresh Sokoto banditry—*Tambuwal*

**SOKOTO—GOVERNOR** Aminu Tambuwal of Sokoto State has confirmed the death of 16 people in a fresh banditry at Dalijan, Rakkoni and Kalhu communities in the Rabah Local Government Area of the state.

Tambuwal made the announcement at a news conference yesterday in Sokoto, saying the incident occurred on Monday night.

It was also said that the banditry, which started in Sokoto State on July 9 last year, has taken a total of 81 lives.

The governor called on security agencies to intensify efforts at safeguarding the people's lives and property.

Commiserating with victims and their families, Tambuwal prayed *Allah* to grant them fortitude to bear the loss.

On the recent political happenings after the just-concluded presidential and National Assembly elections, Tambuwal expressed his concern that some politicians were indulging in do-or-die politics.

The governor said the situation had negated calls

for peaceful campaigns and elections devoid of thuggery.

"During the elections, we experienced developments that clearly exhibited continued determination of the opposition to engaged in do-or-die politics.

"Leaders and loyalists of our party, the PDP were harassed, hounded and arrested by security agents even on the Election Day.

"The opposition also engaged in post-election mayhem, with attacks and arson on law-abiding citizens," Tambuwal claimed.