3 soldiers killed in bandits attack in Niger — Gov Bello

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Gov Sani Bello

Governor Abubakar Bello of Niger has confirmed that three soldiers had been k armed bandits in Magama, Magama Local Government Area of the state.

The governor made the disclosure on Tuesday shortly after a meeting with secu House in Minna.

Bello told newsmen that the military recorded the casualties as it lost three sold over one hour.

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"Two bodies of bandits killed during the fight in the area were also recovered or managed to escape with the rest.

The governor described the latest onslaught on the state, especially against the

He said that soldiers and a group of armed bandits on Monday night engaged ϵ leading to the death of three soldiers.

He. however, said that the bandits were being trailed by the Army and assured soonest.

Gov. Bello disclosed that in spite of the banditry activities in the state, normalcy of the communities recently sacked by the bandits.

"No fewer than 50 communities have been resettled back in the villages.

"They were led back to their villages by the armed soldiers," he said.

Bello, however, said that now that the rain has started, the people who are precback to their farms and start planting.

He said this had become necessary because all the affected communities in the areas of Shiroro, Munya and Rafi are major agricultural communities.

The governor added that with the security cover by the military, farming will confear of food shortage next year is being allayed.

In another development, the governor said the security agencies had been put restiveness that has engulfed Minna in the past one week during which many ir wounded.

"The youth restiveness we have been witnessing in Minna, the state capital, in embarrassing.

"We discussed this development extensively at the just concluded security mee anybody caught with cutlasses or any other dangerous weapons should be arrewith accordingly," he declared.

The security meeting was attended by the state Commissioner of Police, the Ar other relevant stakeholders.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) recalls that some youths from different corr on rampage for the past one week using dangerous weapons to unleash terror

It took the intervention of a combined team of security personnel mobilised from the situation under control

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