

Katsina: Police kill 5 terrorists in gun duel, rescue kidnapped victim

By Ogalah Ibrahim

The Police in Katsina State has successfully repelled terrorists operating in the state, killing five of them, while rescuing a kidnapped victim and recovering series of animals, including 81 cows, 64 sheep and a donkey from the hands of the hoodlums, who invaded Kuru and Dangani villages of Musawa Local Government Area of the state.

One (1) AK 47 rifle with seven (7) rounds of 7.62MM ammunition, and a Gulf III car, were also recovered from the hoodlums in the foiled attack.

The Public Relations Officer of the Katsina State Police Command, Superintendent of Police, SP Isah Gambo made the disclosure while parading some of the recovered exhibits before newsmen at the state police headquarter on Friday.

According to SP Gambo, "the Dutsinma Area Commander, got a distress call around 0100 hours on 10 January 2022 that motorcycle riding terrorists, in large numbers, wielding sophisticated weapons, have invaded Musawa LGA. He immediately led a team of policemen to their possible exit route, at a spot near Dangani village in Musawa LGA and engaged the terrorists in a fierce gun duel and neutralized five (5) of them, recovering one AK 47 rifle, eighty-one cows, sixty-four sheep and a donkey."

SP Gambo also disclosed that "about 0400 hours on the same day, the Dutsin-

ma Area Commander and his team responded to another distress call, where they confronted another group of terrorists, near Dangani village under the same Musawa LGA, while

taking away a 62-year-old man, identified as Alhaji Sule from Dankwari village in Matazu LGA in a white Gulf III motor vehicle, with registration number BKR 367 XA. The Area Com-

mander and his team subdued the terrorists in a fierce gun duel, forcing them to flee and abandoned the kidnapped victim with the Gulf III motor vehicle, recovered as exhibit."

APC Convention: I'll support election of credible youth —Buhari

By Johnbosco Agbakwuru

President Muhammadu Buhari on Friday assured youths of the ruling All Progressives Congress, APC, that he was ready to support credible and committed ones among them to vie for elective positions during the party's forthcoming national convention slated for February 26, 2022.

The President has also directed his Chief of Staff (CoS), Professor Ibrahim Gambari and the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, SGF, Mr. Boss Mustapha to

ensure that experienced youngsters were appointed into federal boards that were yet to be constituted.

The president also urged the APC youth to work hard for the ruling party to retain the gubernatorial seats in Osun and Ekiti States later this year.

President Buhari spoke while playing host to members of the APC National Youth Lobby Group at the Council Chambers, Presidential Villa, Abuja. He affirmed that the leadership of the party would ensure full participation of young people at all

levels. According to him: "I will also support the aspirations of credible and committed young people who are vying for positions in the upcoming convention."

It is also in our interest to ensure the longevity of our party by standardizing and institutionalizing the leadership recruitment system. Hard working and exemplary individuals should be identified and encouraged and mentored.

"It should be a deliberate policy of the progressives in ensuring that we have a robust succession plan in place," he said.

Senator Bob's withdrawal from Akwa Ibom guber race shocks Group

The Community Ambassadors' of Akwa Ibom, yesterday, said it was shocked over the withdrawal of Sen. Effiong Dickson Bob from the PDP governorship race.

A statement by the chairman of the community ambassadors, Hon. Mbuotidem Afia, said that the group at a meeting in Uyo expressed surprise at the sudden withdrawal of Senator Bob.

Afia who described

Senator Effiong Bob as not only their principal, but also the most experienced and popular aspirant in the race to govern Akwa Ibom State, said they were learning from the senator's political legacy.

He said that for the most experienced and popular aspirant in the race to step down is a wonderful experience to the state at large.

He added: "Aside that he has what it takes to govern

the state, he is a man of integrity, a mighty defender of the people, a man that matches words with action, above all an upper class man that does not look down on lowly persons. He is also an umbrella of comfort for the poor and needy in the society, a man of the people."

Afia said that Akwa Ibom was surprised at his withdrawal from the governorship race because he was the people's hope for a better tomorrow.