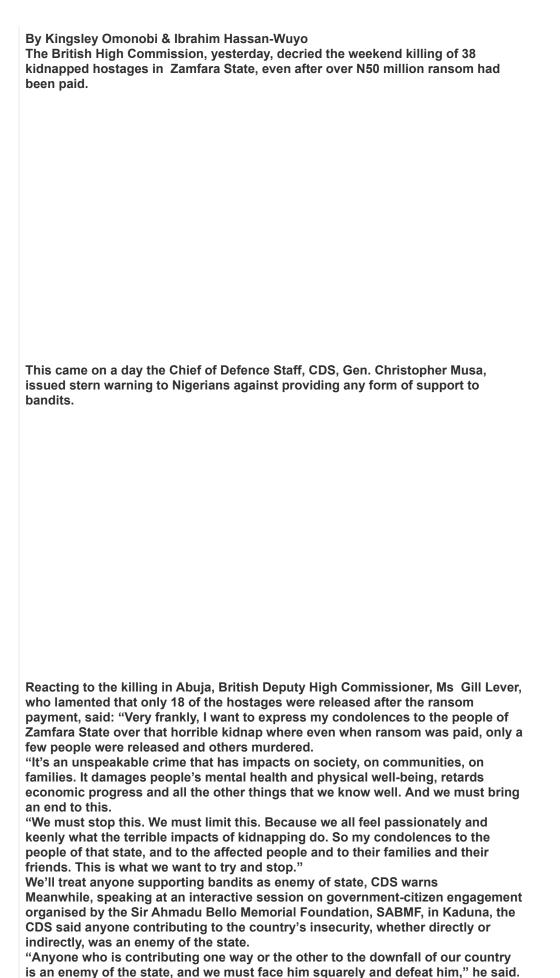
## British High Commission, CDS decry killing of 38 hostages after ransom payment







Musa emphasised the military's commitment to securing the north and the entire

country.

He said: "We will never let the north down. We will never let Nigeria down. We are ready for whatever it takes to succeed.

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"We're committed; we will stay awake 24/7 to ensure that the north is free, Nigeria is secure, and any enemy of the state will be pursued relentlessly until total peace and tranquillity are restored."

The CDS also highlighted the importance of community cooperation in security operations, saying "if the people are not happy with what we are doing, then we are not succeeding.

"Commanders must ensure they carry the community along and protect them. Our operations are not aimed at harming innocent people but targeting the bad guys."

He warned that those supplying bandits with fuel, food, or other resources were equally culpable.

"If we find out that you are part of the criminal network by supplying them, you are also a bandit, you are also a terrorist," Musa said.

The CDS urged Nigerians to avoid any involvement with terrorists and bandits, noting that denying these groups support is crucial to their defeat.

"The terrorists and bandits live among us. If we continue to provide them with services, they will continue to thrive. But if we deny them, they will fizzle out." Musa noted that in the past two years, the armed forces had killed over 3,000 terrorists and bandits, secured the surrender of more than 120,000 insurgents and rescued upwards of 2,000 kidnapped victims.

He said over 2,300 arms and 72,000 rounds of ammunition had been recovered across northern theatres of operation.