

## **NUPENG COMMENDS THE ARMED FORCES FOR THE TAKE-OVER OF SAMBISA FOREST**

The Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) have commended the men of the Armed Forces for the successful takeover of the Sambisa forest.

It praised the Armed Forces for their gallantry and courage of over-running the dreaded Sambisa Forest, which is the last enclave of the Boko Haram.

The Union stated that the capture of Sambisa forest was a good New Year gift for Mr. President, Muhammadu Buhari and the Nation in general with presentation of the Boko Haram and Shekau's Quran found in the forest to the Commander-in-Chief.

The Union commended the Chief of Defence Staff, the Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General Tukur Buratai, Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal Sadiq Abubakar for the strategy they put in place to wipe the last hold of the Boko Haram.

NUPENG reiterated that the battle is not yet won, as there are still pockets of Boko Haram resistance around and called for vigilance and intelligence gathering to wipe out the remnants of the sect in order to fully liberate the North-East.

NUPENG wants the Armed Forces to intensify its mop-up operations to rid the region of the last vestiges of Boko Haram, so that the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPS's) can return home.

We call on the Federal Government to provide adequate security to safeguard the people from armed banditry and robberies.