

Troops Kill 3 Bandits, Arrest Logistics Supplier In Kogi

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Troops of 12 Brigade Nigerian Army, Lokoja, Kogi State, have recorded successes in coordinated patrols and ambush operations in some parts of Kabba Bunu and Yagba West local government areas.

The acting Assistant Director of Army Public Relations, 12 Brigade Nigerian Army, Lieutenant Hassan Abdullahi, said that, acting on credible intelligence on the movement of bandits from the Adankolo General Area towards Agbadu Bunu in Kabba Bunu LGA, the troops laid an ambush for them at a crossing point.

In a statement he issued yesterday, Abdullahi said, "The bandits

subsequently ran into the troops' ambush and were engaged, forcing them to withdraw with indications of casualties as blood stains were observed during exploitation of the area. In the course of the encounter, troops neutralised two bandits and recovered one AK-47 rifle, one magazine, 99 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, one locally fabricated gun and 11 cartridges

"In a related development, further intelligence revealed movement of bandits around Saminaka village in Yagba West LGA. Troops, in conjunction with local vigilantes, conducted a fighting patrol to the village and adjoining forested areas. On arrival, the village was observed to have

been deserted, prompting troops to dismount and exploit the surrounding forest and routes leading towards the Saminaka-Sabo Rijiya Road

"The troops made contact with an unconfirmed number of bandits and engaged them, leading to their withdrawal through the forest. During subsequent exploitation, the troops traced the withdrawal route and discovered one neutralised bandit, one AK 47 rifle and 17 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition.

"During the same operation, troops also arrested a suspected bandit logistics supplier identified as Sunday Adedotun, from Odo Eri village in Yagba West LGA. The suspect was apprehended on a farmland within Saminaka village and claimed to assist farmers in transporting produce after harvest.

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