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**Soldiers Kill 8
Bandits, Recover
Arms In Katsina**

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Troops of the Nigerian Army, working in collaboration with other security agencies, have killed eight suspected bandits and recovered arms during an ambush operation in Bakori local government area of Katsina State.

The operation followed credible intelligence that bandits, allegedly loyal to a kingpin identified as Idi Abasu Aiki, were planning to block the Kakumi-Guga Road and attack commuters.

According to a statement issued yesterday by the acting assistant director, Army Public Relations, 17 Brigade Nigerian Army, Capt. Abayomi Adisa, the troops swiftly laid an ambush on the route after receiving the intelligence.

"The hybrid forces operating in the area laid an ambush on the route and engaged the terrorists, who were reportedly moving on five motorcycles. The encounter resulted in the neutralisation of eight terrorists," Adisa said.