

Troops neutralise 8 terrorists, recover arms in Katsina

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Troops of the Nigerian Army, in collaboration with other security agencies, have neutralised eight terrorists and recovered two AK-47 rifles and five motorcycles during a successful ambush operation in Bakori Local Government, Katsina State.

In a statement issued yesterday, acting Assistant Director, Army Public Relations, 17 Brigade Nigerian Army, Captain Abayomi Adisa, said the operation followed credible intelligence indicating that terrorists, allegedly loyal to a notorious kingpin, Idi Abasu Aiki, were planning to block the Kakumi–Guga Road and attack unsuspecting commuters.

According to the statement, acting swiftly on the intelligence, the hybrid security forces operating in the area laid an ambush along the route and engaged the terrorists, who were reportedly moving on five motorcycles. The encounter resulted in the neutralisation of eight terrorists.

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“Following the operation, the troops conducted a search of the area and recovered two AK-47 rifles and five motorcycles belonging to the terrorists. The recovered items were subsequently handed over to the Nigeria Police Division, Bakori, for further action.

“Meanwhile, further intelligence indicated plans by the terrorists to launch retaliatory attacks on residents of Kakumi, Guga, Unguwan Dan Shuni, Kwai and other neighbouring communities in Bakori Local Government Area.

“In response, troops deployed at the Forward Operating Bases in Ruwan Godiya and Mabai have intensified aggressive patrols and area domination operations along suspected routes leading to the affected communities in order to deny the criminals freedom of action and protect law-abiding residents.

“The security situation in the area is being closely monitored, while troops remain on high alert to forestall any further threats.”