

# Troops kill 5 bandits at Birnin Gwari

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Troops of 1 Division, Nigerian Army under Operation Whirl Punch have killed five bandits, including a notorious bandit identified as Sani Danbuzuwa.

The Deputy Director, 1 Division Army Public Relations, Colonel Muhammad Dole, disclosed this in a statement yesterday.

He said one soldier was killed and two other injured while pursuing the bandits in Kwuyambana forest in Zamfara State.

"The wounded soldiers were evacuated and they are responding to treatment in military hospital in Kaduna. The soldiers were responding to a distress call about an armed robbery incident along the Birnin Gwari - Funtua road where they were ambushed by suspected bandits. However, they fought their way and overpowered the bandits who hastily withdrew into Kwuyambana forest in Zamfara State.

"After thorough search of the ambush area, the following items were recovered: 1 x AK47 rifle, 3 x magazines, 87 rounds of 7.62mm (special), 1 x G3 rifle, 4 x magazines and 61 rounds of 7.62mm (NATO).

"Likewise, a wanted vicious kidnapper and expert in negotiations for ransom, called Yinusa Suleiman from Sambuwa village was apprehended by troops on 14 August 2018. He is currently assisting the security operatives in further investigations."