

# Bandits kill 3 in Kaduna communities

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Bandits have killed three people, among them an unidentified male traveller around communities along the Kaduna-Zaria highway in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Kaduna State Government yesterday said troops of the 4Demo Battalion, Nigerian Army, reported that armed bandits were repelled in some locations along the highway.

A statement issued by the Kaduna State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said the bandits were reportedly sighted moving towards the highway from Sharu village in the Kerawa area, adding that the troops, acting on credible intelligence, laid an ambush and intercepted them at Lambar Zango and Hawan Kwaranza villages.

"At these locations, the bandits were engaged in a

fierce firefight, and suffered several casualties. The bandits, having been decisively halted by the troops on these fronts, retreated hastily via another route and in the process attacked Dunki village, where they killed two residents: Abubakar Sani and Abubakar Saleh," he said.

He added that an unidentified male traveler was also killed while the retreating bandits also raided Mashashiya and Farguza

villages, from where they stole some livestock and other valuables.

According to Aruwan, Governor Nasir El-Rufai had on receiving the report condoled the families of those killed and prayed for the repose of their souls.

He said the governor thanked the troops for their quick response in thwarting the bandits' attempted attacks on various soft targets in the area.

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