

# Troops kill many bandits, rescue 10 hostages chained in Kaduna forest

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Troops of Operation Forest Sanity have killed several bandits and rescued 10 male hostages who were chained in camps across some hard-to-reach locations in Chikun and Igabi local government areas of Kaduna.

It was gathered that the troops

cleared camps at Apewohe, Dakwala and Kunai hills in Chikun LGA during clearance operations.

The state commissioner for Internal Security and Homes Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, in a statement, said another camp was dislodged at a location known as 'Daban Lawal Kwalba' in Igabi LGA, after the troops overpowered heavily armed bandits guarding hostages.

"The troops, after clearing out the bandits, stormed the hideouts and rescued 10 kidnapped people who were chained and bound with ropes," he said.

Aruwan said the troops, who came under further attack in the thick forest, successfully evacuated the hostages to a military facility where they received medical attention before being reunited with their families.