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## \*Troops kill 5 bandits, recover arms in Kaduna

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Army, Kaduna have killed five bandits in a clearance operation along the Kanti-Tantatu road in Kubusu forest and the Kaso hills general area in Chikun Local Government Area of the state.

The acting deputy director, Army Public Relations, 1 Division, Nigerian Army, Lieutenant Colonel Musa Yahaya, in a statement noted that the troops also recovered four AK 47 rifles, six AK 47 magazines, 24 rounds of 7.62mm, three motorcycles, one machete, two handsets and some charms.

"During the operation which lasted several hours, troops dealt a heavy blow on the criminals, neutralising five bandits, as well as capturing four AK 47 rifles, six AK 47 magazines and 24 rounds of 7.62mm. Others include three motorcycles, one machete, two handsets and some charms.

"The General Officer Commanding 1 Division Nigerian Army and Force Commander, Joint Task Force Operation Whirl Punch, Major-General Taoreed Lagbaja, has expressed satisfaction in the conduct of troops and commended their commitment and resilience during the operation.

"He also urged all law-abiding citizens to continue to support the troops and other security agencies with credible and actionable information that will assist in the fight against the criminal elements," he said.