

Meanwhile, two suspected bandits' informants were reportedly shot dead near Maraban Bishini in the area.

A vigilante, who preferred anonymity alleged that the two informants were conveying foodstuffs and drugs on motorcycles to the bandits when the troops gave them a hot chase.

He said, "Upon sighting the troops, the suspected informants abandoned their motorcycle and ran into the bush but the troops immediately opened fire on them on the spot." he said.

The Kaduna State Police Command spokesman, SP Hassan Mansur, is yet to confirm the incident as a text message sent to him was not replied to at the time of filing the report.