

Troops kill nine bandits in Kaduna

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Troops securing the Abuja-Kaduna road and its environs have killed nine armed bandits in a gun battle that lasted from Monday night till the early hours of yesterday.

Kaduna State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, made the disclosure in a statement. He said the soldiers acted on intelligence that the hoodlums were attempting to cross over from the eastern to the western part of the highway with a large herd of rustled cattle.

The commissioner added that the affected herders immediately alerted the military for action. Aruwan said: “An ambush was successfully laid by the troops, as the bandits walked into the killing zone and were welcomed with a hail of bullets.



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“After the firefight, a search of the area yielded the following: One empty magazine, a set of complete army camouflage, one set of desert boots, seven blankets, two Tecno mobile phones, one caftan outfit and ropes for tying cattle.

“At first light this morning (yesterday), a further search revealed the corpse of one bandit, 16 dead cows and three wounded cows.

“Furthermore, seven more bandits died from gunshot wounds sustained in the ambush.” He further revealed: “The troops, as at the time of this update, are still conducting vigorous search patrols in the general area.

“In a separate feedback, troops and police this morning foiled another attempt by bandits to cross the Kaduna-Abuja highway with rustled cattle, this time around the Greenfield University.

“The troops, guided by some local volunteers who pointed them in the direction of the bandits’ movement, engaged the criminals in a firefight. Sadly, one of the local

volunteers lost his life.

“One bandit’s corpse was found, along with several rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition.”

ALSO yesterday, Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar, said 71 personnel were in China undergoing training on insurgency and general insecurity.

He added that they are returning next week. On arrival, the officers would be posted to Gombe to equip the newly established reconnaissance group.

Abubakar, who was on operational visit to the state, noted that aside insurance, the group would tackle banditry in the North East region.



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