

Troops kill several bandits as others sustain injuries in Kaduna

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TROOPS in Kaduna, in a fresh offensive, have killed several bandits in an air raid in Chikun and Birnin Gwari council areas of Kaduna State.

In a security update yesterday, the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, stated: "According to operational feedback to the Kaduna State Government, air platforms con-

ducted armed reconnaissance on Gwagwada, Chikun, Kuduru, Chukuba, Erina, Kushaka, Dogon Gona, Kusasu, Sarkin Pawa, Kurebe and Falleli around the Kaduna-Niger interstate boundaries where scores of bandits were neutralised.

"Within eight kilometres Northeast of Kushaka, bandits were sighted crossing a track to flee from the aircraft. They were promptly engaged and neutralised. Ground troops reported calm situ-

ations at Sarkin Pawa and Erina."

Aruwan pointed out that, "another mission was conducted at the Birnin Gwari general area with an informant on board to identify bandits hideouts, which were then engaged with rockets," adding: "A bandit scampering for cover within the woods was also neutralised."

He explained that on "receiving the operational feedback, Governor Nasir El-Rufai thanked the crew and commended them for

the successful missions."

The commissioner added: "Four bandits have been neutralised and several others injured in an am-

bush conducted by troops around Gwagwada and Chikun local government areas. According to operational feedback from troops of Operation Thunder Strike (OPTS), intelligence was received on bandits' movement from Katika village towards Antenna in Chikun Local Government Area.

"In response to this, the

troops laid an ambush on Antenna village. The troops opened fire as they (bandits) entered the killing range.

"After the engagement, four of the bandits were confirmed dead, while several others escaped with gunshot wounds. Three rifles and one axe were recovered from the scene. Governor Nasir El-Rufai commended the troops for the swift action which led to the successful exercise and elimination of the four bandits."

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