He said: "Operatives of the Command conducted another Joint Operation (JTF) in Alkaleri Local Council of Bauchi State on the eve of the New Year in conjunction with other sister security agencies to strike kidnappers/bandits' hideouts at Dajin Madam and Yankari's thick forests.

Several bandits were neutralised and dislodged from their enclaves, while others escaped in disarray into deep forest with possible bullet wounds.

"In the same vein, the troops sustained patrol and clearance operations around the thick forests to arrest the fleeing suspects. Consequently, two Ak47 rifles were recovered during the operation.