

Troops kill 11 bandits during gun duel in Kaduna

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TROOPS and special forces of the Nigerian Army have neutralised 11 bandits during gun duel in Birnin Gwari Council of Kaduna State.

The Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said feedback revealed that troops advanced to several

locations and dismantled terrorist camps in Bagoma, Rema, Bugai, Dagara, Sabon Layi, Gagumi, Kakangi, Katakaki and Randagi.

In a statement, he explained that in the course of the operations, troops made contact with bandits at Kakangi and Katakaki.

A gun battle, subsequently, ensued, resulting in criminals being subdued.

Eleven bandits were con-

firmed neutralised, as others fled, Aruwan submitted.

The commissioner added: "After the battle, the troops exploited the location and recovered two AK-47 rifles, two AK-47 magazines and 57 rounds of ammunition. Six motorcycles, belonging to the bandits, were destroyed during the encounter.

"Receiving the report, Governor Nasir el-Rufai

expressed satisfaction at the emphatic outing by the security forces and praised leadership of the Maj.-Gen. TA Lagbaja, GOC 1 Division and Force Commander of Operation Whirl Punch.

"The governor lauded the troops for their consistent and spirited efforts, as he urged them to build on the momentum of this notable success."