

# Troops ambush, kill two bandit leaders in Kaduna

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**T**ROOPS of Operation Forest Sanity, 1 Division of the Nigerian Army, have ambushed and killed two bandit leaders, recovering arms, ammunition and other equipment.

Acting Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, 1 Division of the Nigerian Army, Lt-Col. Musa Yahaya, in a statement, yesterday, said the troops were able to successfully get that done

following a tip-off from a human intelligence source.

According to him, an intelligence source revealed that a bandit leader named Isiya Danwasa intended to send his errand boy Yunusa to purchase some arms and ammunition in Kaduna town.

He said: "The errand boy was trailed and picked up by plain-clothes soldiers and later used to lure two of the bandits' leaders to a selected ammunition collection

point.

"Upon their arrival, the troops, who had laid an ambush, engaged the criminals with superior firepower and neutralised the two bandits' leaders."

He further revealed that one motorcycle, two AK-47 rifles, six AK-47 magazines, two hundred and fifty rounds of 7.62 mm special, one power bank, two charm vests, and N200,000 were some of the items recovered from the unlucky elements.

He, however, said that the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 1 Division of the Nigerian Army and Force Commander Joint Task Force Operation Whirl Punch, Maj.-Gen. Taoreed Lagbaja, had commended the troops for their professional conduct and perfect execution of the task.

Yahaya said that the GOC also charged the troops to go after all bandits and show them no mercy.