

Troops Kill 10 Terrorists, Recover Arms, Motorcycles

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The ongoing clearance operation by troops of 1 Division Nigerian Army and "Operation Whirl Punch" has continued to yield positive results as 10 terrorists have been killed within one week with weapons and means of conveyance recovered.

In a statement issued by the acting deputy director of Army Public Relations 1 Division Nigerian Army, Lt-Col Musa Yahaya, he said, following a clearance operation conducted by troops of 1 Division Nigerian Army and Operation Whirl Punch in the general area of Kampanin Doka village at Birnin Gwari LGA of Kaduna State, four bandits who have been terrorising the locals met their Waterloo on November 1, 2023.

During the operation, troops recovered one AK 47 rifle, one AK 47 magazine,

one machete, one mobile phone and 14 motorcycles from the criminals.

1 In a related development, on November 2, 2023, some farmers who were harvesting their crops at the western part of Sabon Sara village fled their farms and alerted troops of bandits' attack. He said, the troops on receipt of the information quickly mobilised to the area and upon arrival, four of the farmers courageously joined the troops and neutralized one bandit while others withdrew in disarray with gunshot wounds.

The troops recovered two AK 47 rifles while one of the farmers, Mallam Abdulrahman Aliyu, who sustained minor injuries during the encounter was immediately evacuated to a nearby military hospital for treatment.

2 Similarly, on November 3, 2023, acting on credible intelligence, troops carried out

clearance operations around the general areas of Kankomi, Juji, Gwantu, Kujeni, Kikwari and Kaso all in Chikun local government area of Kaduna State. He said the troops made contact with bandits and successfully neutralized two of the criminals and recovered one AK 47 rifle, one AK 47 magazine, four 7.62mm Special ammunition, one Honda motorcycle and one techno phone.

3 Also, on November 5, 2023, while on yet another clearance operation in the general area of Maidaro, Ngade, Ahla and Rikau Villages in Birnin Gwari local government area, troops made contact with terrorists and criminal elements and on sighting the troops, the terrorists took to their heels as troops pursued and neutralised two of them while others escaped with gunshot wounds and abandoned one motorcycle.