

Troops Kill 5 Bandits, Seize Arms In Kaduna

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Troops and Special Forces under the auspices of Operation Whirl Punch (OPWP) while conducting special fighting patrols in the Kachia-Kajuru axis have neutralised five bandits in Dantarau, Kajuru local government area of Kaduna State.

The security report said the troops embarked on operations to clear the Maro-Enugu axis spanning Kachia and Kajuru LGAs.

In a statement issued by the overseeing commissioner for internal security and home affairs, Samuel Aruwan, yesterday, explained that at Dantarau community, the troops made contact with bandits, and after a sharp exchange, five of the criminals were

neutralised.

The troops also recovered two AK-47 rifles, one locally fabricated sub-machine gun, nine AK-47 magazines, 250 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, two motorcycles and two handheld radio sets.

Similarly, the Air Component of Operation Whirl Punch successfully hit bandits' camps in Sabon Birnin Daji general area of Igabi LGA.

The statement reads, "Credible human intelligence sources confirmed the successful operation resulting in several bandits taken out during the mission. Some bandits sustained injuries and are reportedly lurking around the general area in need of medical support.

"Locals in the general area are

warned to desist from providing medical support to questionable individuals without recourse to the nearest security agencies.

"Consequently, citizens are advised to report to the 24 Operations Room on the numbers: 09034000060 and 08170189999,"

Meanwhile, Kaduna State governor Uba Sani has lauded the troops under the leadership of the General Officer Commanding, 1 Division Nigerian Army, Major General MLD Saraso, for their determined efforts.

The governor extended commendations to the Air Officer Commanding, Air Training Command, Air Vice Marshall NN Ananaba and his team for their outstanding contribution to the state's security.