

Troops kill two bandits in Kaduna

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•Two soldiers injured •Three killed in Kogi

The Army yesterday said troops on Operation *Ayem Akpatuma* (Cat Race) killed two suspected bandits on Dogon Dawa-Damari Road in Kaduna State.

Director of Public Relations, Brig.-Gen Texas Chukwu, in a statement, said two soldiers were injured when another group of bandits ambushed soldiers on patrol on Rigasa/Airport Road.

The statement reads: “Troops on Exercise *Ayem Akpatuma*, while on patrol on Dogon Dawa-Damari road in Kaduna State, killed two

suspected criminals and recovered two AK-47 rifles. Other items recovered include three magazines and 88 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition.

“Also, troops deployed on Rigasa/Airport road, on April 2, ran into an ambush by suspected bandits. Two soldiers were injured in the encounter and are receiving treatment.

“Similarly, troops successfully repelled an attack by another suspected bandit in Buruku, Benue State.”

Two policemen and a detainee were killed yesterday when gunmen invaded Gegu Police Station in Lokoja, Kogi State.

It was gathered that the gunmen invaded the police station, about 2.15 am, on a motorbike, and shot sporadically to scare people away.

They stole weapons and ammunition.

Motorists travelling during the hour were said to have turned back.

Police spokesman William Aya, who confirmed the attack, said two policemen were killed and a suspect injured, adding that investigation has begun.

The bodies were deposited at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Lokoja mortuary while the injured is receiving treatment at the same facility.