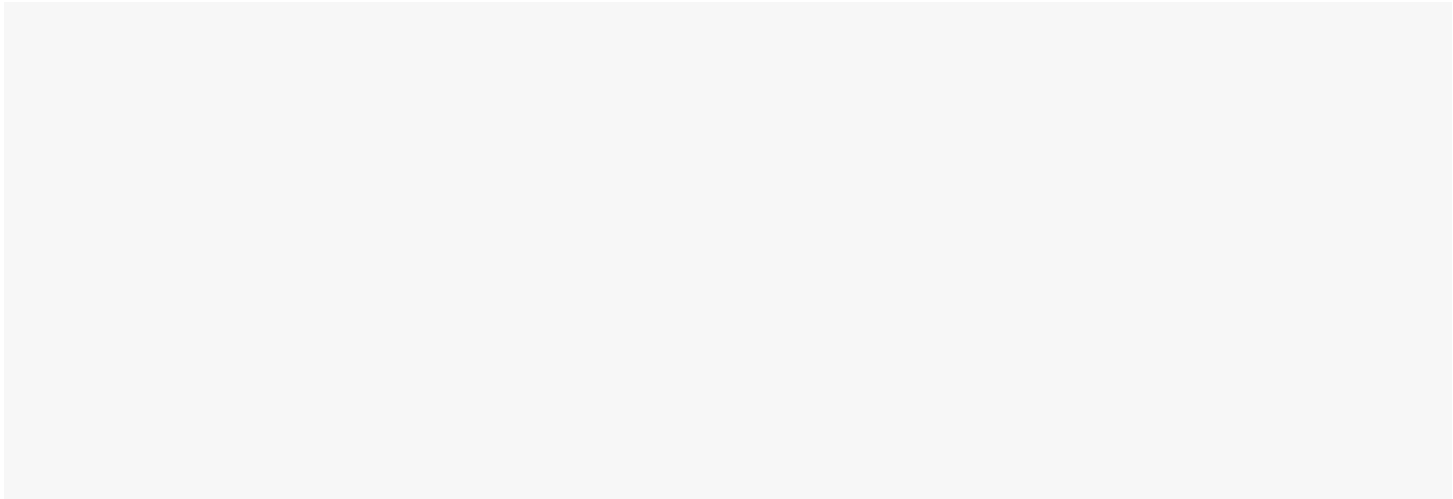


# Soldiers kill 5 bandits, rescue 2 kidnap victims in Kaduna



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Men of the Nigerian Army in Operation Thunder Strike and Operation Harbin Kunama III have killed five suspected bandits and arrested four others during two separate operations in Chikun and Igabi Local Government Areas of Kaduna State.

Deputy Director, Army Public Relations 1 Division Nigerian Army, Colonel Ezindu Idima, who disclosed this in a statement in Kaduna on Sunday, said the troops also rescued two kidnap victims.

The Army spokesman said: “Troops of Operation Harbin Kunama III dislodged a bandits camp in Dagun village of Igabi local government on 24th July, 2019 following credible information and during the operation, two bandits were neutralised and one was apprehended while others escaped with gunshot wounds.

“Troops also, rescued two kidnapped victims, Mallam Yakubu Hamidu and Alhaji Isa Saidu from the bandits den around Makarfi Farm junction in Igabi LGAsl on 25th July, 2019 where two motor cycles belonging to the criminals were also destroyed during an exchange of fire.”

He noted that the residents of Dagun village had commended the Army for destroying the bandits’ hideouts who have been terrorising villages in the area.

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Similarly, in another operation conducted on 25th July, 2019 by troops of Operation Thunder Strike around Kubuso, Kuso and Kakumi general area in Chikun Local Government Area, Idima said, “Following the operation, three bandits were neutralised, three were arrested and two kidnapped victims were also freed.

“Items recovered from the bandits include, one AK47 riffle, a single barrel rifle, one dane gun and 28 rounds of special ammunition, two motorcycles, one camouflage uniform, two ATM cards, a Techno Phone, one Airtel Sim card and empty cases of 5 x 7.62mm special ammunition.”

He appeal to the general public to report anybody seen with gunshot wounds to the nearest security post for investigation and expressed the commendation of the GOC, Major General Faruk Yahaya to the troops for their efforts.

He quoted the GOC to have charged the troops not to relent until the bandits are effectively annihilated.



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