

Troops hit bandits in Kaduna airstrikes

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KADUNA State government has confirmed that troops neutralised four notorious bandits in a valley popularly known as 'Maikwandaraso' in Igabi local government area.

A statement by Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs Samuel Aruwan said the four bandits were neutralised in air interdictions when the military engaged the bandits at the location, as part of combined ground and air assaults on identified bandit enclaves.

According to Aruwan, the bandits neutralised were identified as Alili Bandiro, Dayyabu Bala, Bala Nagwarjo and Sulele Bala.

He said, "Several other bandits were eliminated in the same cycle of air interdictions and ground offensives."

Maikwandaraso is close to Karshi village, and shares boundaries with the infamous Kawara and Malul forests in the same Igabi council, which have been identified as the hub of banditry.

Aruwan said that Governor Nasir El-Rufai expressed his satisfaction at the development, and thanked the military for their concerted efforts at ridding the identified areas of armed bandits.

"The governor commended the troops and personnel involved in the successful strikes, and encouraged them to sustain the tempo of operations towards a comprehensive sweep of all hideouts."