

Troops kill 50 suspected bandits

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OVER 50 suspected bandits have been confirmed killed by security forces in the onslaught against bandits in Birnin-Gwari, Kaduna State.

Commissioner of Internal Security and Home Affairs Samuel Aruwan confirmed the development in a statement yesterday, saying the operation was carried out by ground troops and a gunship provided by the Air Force.

He said, "Over 50 bandits have been neutralised during a combined ground and air assault in the Saulawa-Farin Ruwa axis of Birnin Gwari LGA."

He said, "According to operational feedback to the Kaduna State Government from the Command of the Joint Operations, a Nigerian Air Force helicopter gunship provided close air support to ground troops advancing from the Dogon Dawa-Damari-Saulawa axis.

"Following extensive scans, bandits were spotted on five motorcycles, about 4km east of Saulawa, waiting to ambush the ground forces. They were engaged vigorously by the helicopter gunship, and were wiped out."