

## Bandit leader, others shot dead in Kaduna

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**T**ROOPS have killed a dreaded bandit leader, Kachalla Gudau, his aide, Rigimamme, and an unspecified number of other terrorists in Kaduna State.

The neutralised bandits were said to have terrorised Chikun, Kachia and Kajuru council areas of the state.

Gudau and his foot soldiers reportedly kidnapped and killed many in the state.

They were gunned down in the Kankomi area of the state on Sunday, it was said.

Confirming the development in a statement yesterday,

Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs Samuel Aruwan said Gudau and his men bled to death in Kankomi forest following the military onslaught.

Aruwan said: "Diligent exploitation of human intelligence networks corroborated other pieces of available intelligence, which confirmed that Gudau was indeed one of those felled by the bullets of the courageous troops as they repelled an attack led by the

notorious bandit himself, ending his ignoble reign of brutality and evil.

"The remains of the notorious bandit - who is said to have links with other notorious kingpins across the Northwest and Northcentral states - were retrieved in the Kankomi Forest where he bled to death.

"The identity of another of the neutralized bandits whose remains were found by the troops, has been confirmed as 'Rigimamme' one of Gudau's trusted aides.

"Gudau played leading roles

in the joint kidnappings of students and expatriates in Kajuru, Chikun and Kachia councils, aside the murders of kidnapped citizens and victims who resisted abduction.

"Added to these nefarious activities, Gudau was engaged in coordinated attacks on herder settlements, dispossessing them of livestock, which made him the illegal possessor of large herds of cattle. These he regularly traded for amounts running into millions of naira. He also made deals for illicit drugs and sophisticated arms and ammunition.