## Troops kill three bandits, rescue 16 in Kaduna

ROOPS of Operation Forest Sanity have killed three bandits and rescued 16 citizens in operations on the Birnin Gwari-Kaduna Road and a location in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna state.

The state's Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr Samuel Aruwan disclosed this in a statement yesterday.

He said: "The troops responded to a distress call along the Udawa-Manini axis of the Birnin Gwari-Kaduna Road. The troops arrived to foil the

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attack, rescuing 15 persons in the process.

— "Some of the rescued persons who sustained injuries were rushed to hospital for treatment."

Aruwan said the troops also responded to a distress call from Gonan Doctor Village, Igabi LGA, and laid ambush at a crossing point in Maraban Huda Village.

According to him, contact was made with the bandits and, following a firefight, one ban-

dit was killed.

He added: "A kidnapped victim was rescued, though injured by the bandits, and was rushed to the Jaji Cantonment Hospital for treatment. One motorcycle was recovered.

"Furthermore, in response to credible intelligence of bandits' movement around an interstate boundary area, troops of Operation Forest Sanity set up ambush positions around Mangoro general area around Chikun-Birnin Gwari LGA, on the boundary with Shiroro LGA of neighbouring Niger State.

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