

Military killed several bandits in Kaduna —Commissioner

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SEVERAL bandits have been neutralised and their camps destroyed during military operations in Igabi and Chikun local government areas of Kaduna State.

A statement by the state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, on Friday, said the "clearance operations" were conducted in the two council areas which extend across Faka, Katuka, Barebari and Maguzawa general areas.

The statement noted that a number of bandits sighted on high grounds around the Maguzawa River were engaged by a Nigeria Air Force (NAF) attack helicopter and neutralised.

The statement reads further: "The security forces conducted clearance patrols to Katuka, about nine kilometers from Kangon Kadi in Chikun LGA. During the destruction of camps, one fleeing bandit was apprehended, with the following items recovered: one motorcycle, one AK-47

rifle and 30 rounds of ammunition

"During a subsequent clearance operation in Kangon Kadi and Barebari areas, one Rabi Hajiya Karime, the wife of a notorious bandit, Zubairu, was apprehended.

"Also arrested were Malam Idris Audu, a spiritual leader to the bandits, as well as Abdurashheed Gambo Na Halima and Abubakar Idris Na Halima, suspected collaborators.

"Similarly, some items used by bandits were recovered after dislodging and razing some bandit camps in Udawa general area of Chikun LGA. They include some motorcycles, one AK-47 rifle, some AK-47 magazines, ammunition and drugs.

"Governor Nasir El-Rufai expressed satisfaction at these reports and commended the security forces for the successful operation.

"He thanked the troops for their relentless efforts and urged security agencies to ensure thorough investigations on the persons apprehended.

"Clearance patrols will be sustained in these and other earmarked areas."