

## ③ Troops kill five bandits in Kaduna

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SECURITY forces conducting operations against identified bandit enclaves have killed five suspected bandits in Birnin Gwari and Giwa local government areas of Kaduna State.

This was disclosed in a statement issued by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs in

the state, Samuel Aruwan, on Monday.

Aruwan said: "Security reports informed the Kaduna State government that five bandits have been neutralised in two locations spanning Birnin Gwari and Giwa local government areas."

"Troops on patrol made contact with bandits around an identified hide-out in Birnin Gwari LGA.

They were engaged in a gun duel, after which two bandits were confirmed to have been neutralised."

In another raid on a bandits' camp around Idasu in Giwa LGA, security forces engaged the criminals and after a gun battle, three of them were confirmed neutralised.

The statement main-

tained that across both locations, two AK-47 rifles, one pump-action rifle and three motorcycles were recovered from the operations and are currently in the custody of the military. "Governor Nasir El-Rufai received the reports with satisfaction and thanked the security forces for conducting sharp and effective missions," it noted.

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