

Troops repel attack, kill two terrorists, clear camps in Kaduna

Fleeing bandits kill three locals

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THE Kaduna State government said troops of the Nigerian Army on Sunday repelled terrorists' attack, killed two in the process and cleared their camps in Chikun Local Government Area (LGA) of the state.

The Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs in the state, Mr Samuel Aruwan, confirmed the development in a statement issued on Sunday in Kaduna.

Aruwan said: "Troops of the Nigerian Army in the early hours of Sunday at Kankomi, in Chikun LGA, repelled an attack by dozens of bandits and subsequently neutralised one of them, while others escaped with gunshot wounds."

Aruwan said the state government was informed of the development in a feedback which captured the bravery exhibited by the troops in overpowering the bandits.

According to him, the attackers made an attempt to infiltrate the location housing the troops.

"The vigilant troops, in response, engaged them in a fierce gun duel which lasted for over an hour."

"This resulted in the elimination of one of the terrorists, who was wearing military camouflage combat gear."

"Others escaped with bullet wounds as evidenced by bloodstains along their

withdrawal route."

Aruwan disclosed that the troops recovered one AK-47 rifle, seven AK-47 magazines, seven rounds of ammunition and five locally-made grenades from the bandits.

"Sadly, while exploiting the withdrawal route of the bandits, three corpses were found by the troops, ap-

parently locals killed by the fleeing bandits."

He said in another development, troops of Operation Forest Sanity conducted clearance patrols along the Gwagwada-Chikun-Sarkin-Pawa axis, stretching from Chikun LGA to nearby interstate boundary areas.

According to the report, contact was made with

terrorists on a high ground ahead of Kafaiyo.

"One terrorist was neutralised, and an AK-47 rifle recovered."

He further explained that two terrorists fled on sighting the troops, leaving behind their motorcycles, which were impounded.

"The troops completely dislodged several terrorists' camps around Kafaiyo, Dafako, Kopi and Gadani."

"The Governor of Kaduna State, Nasir El-Rufai, re-

ceived the feedback with sadness, and sent his deepest condolences to the families of the victims, while praying for the repose of their souls.

"El-Rufai expressed gratitude to the courageous troops for their resilient efforts and dedication."

Aruwan added that citizens in the area are advised not to harbour or provide support to suspicious persons seeking medical attention for gunshot injuries.



• Chief of Defence Staff, General Lucky Irabor

Bandits demand N10m ransom for victim's corpse in Kaduna

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BANDITS are demanding N10 million ransom for the corpse of one Obadiah Ibrahim, who was kidnapped some weeks ago, the family has revealed.

The deceased's brother, Kefas Obadiah, said in an interview over the weekend that the bandits had earlier collected over N3 million ransom but refused to release the victim who was

money was for their food-stuff which got finished and that we should bring N15 million.

"They later came down to N5 million and three motorcycles, before they later collected one motorcycle. After collecting the bike, we didn't hear from them again. We tried to communicate with them, but we were unable to reach them."

"Then on Thursday when the negotiator called them, they said