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Troops kill several bandits in Kaduna, Borno

Rescue 16 abducted victims, recover weapons

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TROOPS of Operation Forest Sanity have rescued 16 abducted victims in operations spanning Birnin Gwari-Kaduna road and a location in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

This was contained in a statement issued by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs in the state, Samuel Aruwan, on Tuesday.

The statement noted that based on operational feedback, troops responded to a distress call

on the Udawa-Manini axis of the Birnin Gwari-Kaduna road.

Aruwan, in the statement, said: "The troops arrived to foil the attack, rescuing 16 people in the process."

"Some of those rescued who sustained injuries were rushed to hospital for treatment."

"Similarly, troops of Operation Forest Sanity responded to a distress call from Gonan Doctor Village in Igabi LGA, and laid ambush at a likely crossing point in Maraban Huda village."

"Contact was made with the bandits, and following

a firefight, a bandit was neutralised.

"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."

"The troops engaged the approaching bandits and neutralised two."

"The troops also recovered one AK-47 rifle, one pump-action gun, one Improvised Explosive Device (IED), one Baofeng radio and 10 motorcycles."

"Governor Nasir El-Rufai received the reports with gratitude and expressed satisfaction at the breakthroughs recorded by the security forces."

"The governor commended the troops for the successful rescues and prayed for the quick recovery of those injured."

In Borno State, troops of Operation Hadin Kai have neutralised undisclosed number of terrorists in Damboa Local Government Area of the state.

This was contained in a statement issued by the Nigerian Army Headquarters on Tuesday.

According to the statement, the terrorists, who were overwhelmed by bombardments from ground and air troops, staged an ambush on troops of the 25 Task Force Brigade of Operation Hadin Kai.

"In sustain operation to clear the North-East of

terrorism, gallant troops of 25 Task Force Brigade of Operation Hadin Kai with close air support on Monday, January 23, have again killed several ISWAP/Boko Haram terrorists following the terrorists' failed ambush on troops on the Damboa-Maiduguri road in Borno."

"Troops also recovered motorcycles, weapons, medical supplies, among others."

"The Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant-General Faruk Yahaya, has commended the troops for their gallantry and urged them not to relent until terrorism and other crim-

Gunmen attacked ranch in