

# Troops conduct clearance operations inside Kaduna forest, kill terrorist, recover weapons

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**T**ROOPS of the Nigerian Army conducting deep clearance operations inside Yadi forest in Kaduna State have smoked out terrorists hibernating in the forest general area.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen in Abuja on Wednesday by the Director, Army Public Relations, Major-General Onyema Nwachukwu. Nwachukwu, in the statement, said: "During the operation, troops encountered an ambush staged by the

terrorists, but swiftly responded with heavy volume of fire, neutralising one of them, while the others scattered in disarray. "In the encounter, the troops recovered two AK-47 rifles, six AK-47 magazines, five rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, 331 rounds of 7.62mm x 54 PKT

machine gun ammunition and two PKT machine gun ammunition links. "Other items recovered include three motorbikes, two power generating sets, two desert camouflage, a pair of desert boots, leg and hand chains used for fastening kidnap victims, nine Baofeng radios with nine

chargers, one talisman vest, an international passport, two voter's cards, two national identity cards, among other." Nwachukwu further explained that during the operation, the troops destroyed the terrorists' camps, which were carefully concealed along the river lines.

He added that the troops were still on the trail of the fleeing bandits to rid the forest of terrorists' activities in renewed effort to restore peace and stability. The statement urged the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to security agencies.