

Troops kill notorious bandit, Boderi, in Kaduna gun battle

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THE Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs in Kaduna State, Samuel Aruwan, has confirmed that notorious bandit, Boderi Isyaku, who had been terrorising several villages and towns across the state, had been killed during a gun duel between his gang and the military.

Aruwan made this known in a statement he issued on Thursday in Kaduna and made available to the Nigerian Tribune.

The statement reads: "Stemming from consistent support to security forces by Kaduna State governor, Senator Uba Sani, a major breakthrough has been recorded in Nigeria's fight against banditry and terrorism.

"Notorious bandit, insurgent and ruthless killer, Boderi Isyaku, has been neutralized [killed] in a gun duel alongside some of his fighters by troops of the Nigerian Army, around Bada/Riyawa general areas of Chikun and Igabi local government areas of the state.

"This feat was confirmed to the Kaduna State government by security forces carrying out internal security operations and diligent checks from human intelligence sources.

"Boderi, as he was simply known, had for nearly a decade propagated a reign of fear, death and destruction in Kaduna State and neighboring Niger State, with a trademark of brutal attacks, mass abductions and cruel, relentless killing.

"His elimination comes as the culmination of tireless efforts by dedicated troops committed to restoring peace and security in the region.

"The General Officer Commanding, 1 Division, Nigerian Army and Force Commander, Operation Whirl Punch, Major-General V.U. Okoro, coordinated the operation through meticulous planning and intelligence.

"The troops on Wednesday night came in contact with Boderi and his fighters around Bada General Area of Chikun Local Government Area and despite the terrorists' well-fortified position, the troops laid a successful ambush. Boderi and his associates walked into the trap and were cornered.

"In the ensuing confrontation, Boderi chose to resist the troops and engaged them in a fierce firefight. He was ultimately subdued and his reign of terror ended in a burst of bullets and eternal ignominy.

"Two of his associates were likewise neutralised. After the operation, the troops recovered two AK-47 rifles, 300 rounds of ammunition, nine AK-47 magazines, one magazine carrier, one Baofeng radio set and five motorcycles.

"The elimination of Boderi Isyaku, as a notable milestone in the ongoing fight against terrorism and banditry, demonstrates the effectiveness of determined and coordinated efforts by security forces in confronting those who seek to spread fear and chaos."