

# ② Troops kill notorious bandit leader, three others in Kaduna

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TROOPS, at the weekend, killed a notorious bandit kingpin and three others in Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

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

The statement said: "Security forces have reported to the Kaduna State government that troops of Operation Whirl Punch neutralised four bandits, including one notorious bandit leader, during fighting patrols in Giwa Local Government Area at the weekend.

"According to the operational feedback, the troops conducted the special fighting patrol first to Tumburku village, and then projected the same to Sabon Sara, both in Giwa Local Government Area.

"Acting on credible intelligence, the troops sighted bandits fleeing the latter location and engaged them in hot pursuit.

"The troops neutralised two of the bandits and recovered a range of items, including a motorcycle, a mobile phone, gas lighters, tobacco,

assorted charms and a polythene bag containing petrol."

The statement noted that, "another leg of the operation was conducted at Basurfe village, Southwest of Kintadan. The troops fought through an ambush and forced the bandits to flee on motorcycles.

"A vigorous pursuit resulted in two more bandits neutralised. The troops further exploited the area and dislodged a camp serving as a treatment area for the insurgents.

"Recoveries made at the location included two AK47 rifles, one pump action rifle, three magazines, 16 rounds of ammunition, one Improvised Explosive Device (IED), two radios and one motorcycle, as well as cigarettes, drugs and medical accessories.

"The reports also revealed that one of the bandits neutralized in the operations was a notorious bandit leader Dogo Bangaje, who was eliminated alongside a close associate yet to be identified.

"Receiving the report, the Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani, praised the troops under the leadership of GOC 1 Division and Commander Operation Whirl Punch, Major General MLD Saraso for their efforts,"