

# Troops kill five bandits in Kaduna, recover arms, ammunition

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statement issued by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, which was made available to newsmen in Kaduna on Sunday.

The statement disclosed that from operational feedback to the Kaduna State government, the troops who embarked on operations went to clear the Maro-Enugu axis spanning Kachia and Kajuru council areas.

At Dantarau community, the troops made contact with bandits and after an exchange of gunfire, five of the criminals were neutralised.

According to the statement, the troops also recovered two AK-47 rifles, one locally-fabricated sub-machine gun, nine AK-47 magazines, 250 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, two motorcycles and two hand-held radio sets.

Similarly, the Air Component of Operation Whirl Punch successfully hit bandits' camps in Sabon Birnin Daji General Area of Igabi council area.

"Credible human intelligence sources confirmed the successful operation resulting in several bandits taken out during the mission. Some of the bandits sustained injuries and are reported to be lurking

around the general area in need of medical support.

"Locals in the general area are warned to desist from providing medical support to questionable individuals without recourse to the nearest security agencies.

"Receiving the feedback, the Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani, expressed happiness at the breakthrough and lauded the troops - under the lead-

ership of the General Officer Commanding, 1 Division Nigerian Army, Major-General MLD Saraso - for their determined efforts.

"The Governor further extended commendation to the Air Officer Commanding, Air Training Command, Air Vice Marshall NN Ananaba and his team, for the outstanding contribution to the security of the state," the statement reas.

1. **T**ROOPS and Special Forces under the auspices of Operation Whirl Punch (OPWP) conducting special fighting patrols in the Kachia-Kajuru axis have killed five bandits in Dantarau General Area of Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

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