

Troops kill four bandits, rescue 20 kidnapped ③ victims in Kaduna

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TROOPS have killed four bandits in two operations in Birnin Gwari and Giwa local government areas of Kaduna State.

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

a) Aruwan said: "In the first report, troops of Operation Forest Sanity embarked on special clearance operations in the general area of Alawa, in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area.

"The troops, set up as a blocking force, sighted bandits' movement around Kwaga, and after a brief pursuit, neutralised two of them."

He said two AK-47 rifles, three magazines, three motorcycles and one Baofeng radio were recovered.

b) In the second report, according to the statement, "troops of Sector 6 Operation Whirl Punch conducted fighting patrols around Nakwakina village, in Giwa Local Government Area.

"Following credible intelligence, the troops laid ambush along a likely terrorists' withdrawal route.

"The terrorists were eventually sighted and engaged, resulting in two neutralized, as others escaped with bullet wounds. The troops combed

the area and recovered two motorcycles, one cutlass and one mobile phone.

"In another mission, troops of Sector 3, Operation Whirl Punch deployed along Kwaga-Polewire Road, Birnin Gwari LGA, responded to a distress call and intercepted bandits who had kidnapped locals near Polewire village.

"The bandits fled from the scene on sighting the troops, who promptly rescued the 20 kidnapped victims and reunited them with their families.

"The governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani, expressed happiness at each of the reports and thanked the security forces for the feedback.

"The governor expressed commendations to the General Officer Commanding, 1 Division Nigerian Army (and Force Commander Operation Whirl Punch) Major General MLD Saraso, for the breakthroughs and rescues in the Birnin Gwari and Giwa general areas.

"The governor urged the troops to sustain the momentum against bandits and insurgents in the location, and other areas of interest.

"Citizens in these areas are encouraged to report any suspicious persons seeking medical attention for gunshot wounds or similar injuries, to the 1 Division/Operation Whirl Punch," Aruwan said.