

Troops raid Kaduna bandits' camps, kill one

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The combined troops of 'Operation Thunder Strike' and Operation Whirl Punch and 312 Artillery Regiment of the Nigerian Army, have raided two camps operated by camps in Kaduna.

The raids were carried out on Saturday and Sunday leading to the death of a bandit.

The Deputy Director, Army Public Relations of 1 Division, Nigerian Army, Kaduna, Col. Ezindu Idimah, in a statement issued on Monday in Kaduna, said, "In continuation of the offensive operation against the bandits and other undesirable elements in Kaduna, combined troops of Operation Thunder Strike, Operation Whirl Punch and 312 Artillery Regiment between Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October raided two bandits' camps.

"The offensive action was aimed at destroying the remnants of bandits and their camps at Kankomi, close to Tantu and Daban Goje mountains in the Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

“The operation which was conducted following credible information from well-meaning Nigerians took place around 4am and 2am on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

“During the operation, the troops destroyed the two camps used by the bandits to perpetrate their nefarious activities.

“One of the bandits was neutralised while one AK47 rifle, three motorcycles, two mobile phones, and the sum of N5000 were recovered.”

The Army spokesman added that it was the fourth time within 10 days that troops of Operation Thunder Strike, comprising Nigerian Army, Nigerian Air Force, Nigeria Police, Department of State Services, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps and Operation Whirl Punch attacked bandit bases to recover arms and rescue of victims.

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