

# Troops kill six bandits in Kaduna, rescue 12-year-old victim

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Troops of the Nigerian Army have shot dead six bandits during night operations conducted at the criminals' hideouts in the Kubau and Kachia local government areas of the state.

The troops also recovered three locally-made guns and rescued a 12-year-old boy believed to have been abducted by the bandits.

The Nigerian Army Operations Media Coordinator,

Col Aminu Iliyasu, stated this in a release on Saturday, adding that troops of 1 Brigade Garrison also raided a suspected kidnappers' hideout at Dogun Karfe forest in the Bakura Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

Iliyasu added that the troops recovered one AK-47 rifle, four

magazines and 80 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, which were abandoned by the fleeing suspects.

He said, "The troops, while acting on credible intelligence, raided a suspected kidnappers' den at Ihie community in the Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Area of Imo State.

Two suspects, Umah Kingsley and Miss Chukwu Happiness were arrested. Items recovered during the operation include two empty magazines and a locally fabricated gun.

"Also, in two separate night operations conducted by same troops at Gindin Dutse village and Rijana forest of

Birnin Gwari and Kachia local government areas of Kaduna, five bandits terrorising the areas were neutralised.

"A 12-year-old boy, Rabe Abubakar, was also rescued. The Chief of the Army Staff, Lt Gen Tukur Buratai, wishes to thank all well-meaning Nigerians for their support."

