

# Many Kaduna bandits killed

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**T**ROOPS of the *Operation Thunder Strike* have neutralised scores of bandits in Chikwale village along the Polewire-Mangoro-Sarkin Pawa road in the Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The village shared boundary with Niger State.

The State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr. Samuel Aruwan, who confirmed the incident, said on Sunday that the troops neutralised the bandits while on patrol of the area on Saturday.

Aruwan said, "These patrols followed credible reports of bandits' movement from a neighbouring state towards Akilbu in Kachia Local Government Area.

"According to the operational feedback to the Kaduna State Government, no contact was made initially by the ground troops.

"The air component, however, conducted further armed reconnaissance into the forest, and scores of bandits were sighted on motorcycles around Gidan Sule. The bandits scampered for cover as they were engaged by the fighter jet crew.

"The fighter jets conducted further missions in quick succession, as the bandits were tracked accordingly. When they eventually regrouped to continue their movement, they were effectively engaged and neutralised by the fighter jets around the inter-state boundary.

He said Governor Nasir El-Rufai expressed satisfaction and commended the troops for their relentless tracking of the criminals during the mission.