10 bandits killed in Kaduna LG gun battle - Commissioner

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Security operatives have reportedly killed 10 bandits terrorising Kwanan Bataru on the outskirts of Fatika in the Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Scores of the bandits, who engaged the operatives in a gun duel, were said to have sustained injuries and abandoned their motorcycles as they escaped into the forest.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, who made this known on Monday, also said the troops rescued one Alhaji Abubakar Usman, who was abducted by the bandits.

Aruwan said one of the sheds used by the bandits to hold their victims hostage was razed.

The commissioner stated, "Ten bandits hibernating in some flash points in Kaduna State met their disastrous end.

"The joint security forces came in contact with the heavily armed bandits in Kwanan Bataru on the outskirts of Fatika in the Giwa Local Government Area and subsequently engaged them.

"In the course of the gun duel, 10 of the bandits were eliminated, while several others escaped with gunshot injuries.

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"One Alhaji Abubakar Usman, who is likely to have been kidnapped from a neighbouring state and was being held by bandits in the area, was rescued by the troops and is being debriefed at the moment.

"The bandits, who managed to escape, left behind several motorcycles, one revolver, mobile phones, pieces of torchlight and some charms. One of the sheds used by the bandits to hold hostages was burnt."

The commissioner quoted Governor Nasir El-Rufai to have commended the security operatives for taking out the notorious bandits.

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