

# Kaduna troops kill bandits, rescue 10 chained hostages



• Some of the rescued victims

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**T**ROOPS of the Nigerian Army have killed scores of bandits and rescued 10 hostages in the Chikun and Igabi local government areas of Kaduna State.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, in a statement on Tuesday, said the troops neutralised the bandits while on clearance operations across the two LGAs, adding that some weapons were also recovered.

Aruwan said the troops, after clearing out the bandits, stormed hideouts and rescued 10 kidnapped persons who were chained and tied with ropes.

Aruwan identified the chained hostages as Surajo Aliyu, Ayuba Yakubu, Ibrahim Abdulrasheed, Aliyu Mohammed, Magaji Tasiu, Nasiru Ahmed, Mohammadu Ibrahim, Ayuba Abdulsalam, Kelvin Musa and Paul Patrick.

The commissioner said, "Troops of Operation Forest Sanity neutralised several bandits and dislodged camps during clearance operations conducted across some hard-to-reach locations spanning Chikun and Igabi LGAs.

"As disclosed in an operational feedback, the troops neutralised an unspecified number of bandits while clearing out insurgent and bandit camps at Apewohe in

**Chikun LGA.**

"The operation extended to Dakwala and Kunai hills in the same LGA, where more hideouts were cleared, though no contact was made with bandits.

"Another camp was similarly dislodged at a location known as 'Daban Lawal Kwalba' in Igabi LGA, after the troops overpowered heavily armed bandits guarding hostages.

"The troops after clearing out the bandits stormed the hideouts and rescued 10 kidnapped persons who were chained and bound with ropes. The images attached depict the dire situation in which the hostages were found."

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**N**o fewer than three persons have reportedly lost their lives during a violence over who will ascend the kingship stool in Agosasa community, in the Ipokia Local Government Area of Ogun State.

**PUNCH Metro** gathered that the throne became vacant following the death of the first Oja of Agosasa, Oba James Elegbede, sometime in February 2022.

It was learnt that after Elegbede's death, the race to determine the person to ascend the throne had been causing