## Troops kill five hoodlums in Kaduna

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The Troops of 1 Division, Nigerian Army, and Air Component of Operation Whirl Punch, have neutralised five bandits and recovered 10 motorcycles in Kaduna State.

The Deputy Director of Army Public Relations, 1 Division, Nigerian Army, Lieutenant Colonel Musa Yahaya, in a statement on Friday, said the operation was conducted to create conducive environment before, during and after the elections.

"The highly motivated troops of 1 Division, Nigerian Army, and the air component of Operation Whirl Punch dealt heavy blow to bandits and other criminal elements in Kaduna State.

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"In the very aggressive fighting patrol that lasted over 48 hours, the troops successfully cleared Mando-Sabon Birni-Maidaro -Dogon Dawa, Galadimawa, Saulawa, Farin Ruwa and Polewire villages in Birnin Gawri and Chikun Local Government Areas in the state.

"During the patrol, troops neutralized five bandits and recovered 10 motorcycles from the bandits, while several other motorcycles were burnt and destroyed.

"Other items recovered by the troops included two AK-47 rifles, five Improvised Explosive Devices, two mobile phones, bandits uniforms and magazines," the statement quoted him as saying.