In a related development earlier the same day, at about 11:30 hours, a vigilante group on routine forest patrol encountered suspected bandits near the Kainji National Park in Kemanji.

Reports indicate that three of the suspected bandits were fatally wounded during the gun duel, while a vigilante member, Yusuf Samba, was shot and later died from his injuries.

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"Our investigation culminated in the arrest of an informant, who admitted to collaborating with a group of bandits. This individual has proven to be a valuable asset in advancing the investigation," the police statement added.

The command has assured residents of both communities that a comprehensive security architecture has been activated, including tactical deployments, enhanced surveillance, and intelligence-led operations aimed at restoring peace.

"Citizens are urged to cooperate with law enforcement agencies. Let it be made categorically clear that anyone aiding or abetting crime in any part of the state will face the full weight of the law."

Meanwhile, Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, accompanied by top military and intelligence officers, conducted a joint security assessment in Kaiama Local Government Area on Monday.

"In a bid to reinforce inter-agency synergy and enhance situational awareness across border communities, on Monday, April 21, 2025, a high-powered joint security delegation led by the Executive Governor of Kwara State, His Excellency Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq CON, conducted an operational assessment tour to Kaiama Local Government Area.