

Kaduna: Troops lay ambush, kill 2 bandits, recover wraps of Indian hempo

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(FILES) This picture taken on April 30, 2013 shows Nigerian troops patrolling in the streets of the remote northeast town of Baga, Borno State. Nigeria's military said on May 16, 2013 that it was ready to launch air strikes against Boko Haram Islamists as several thousand troops moved to the remote northeast to retake territory seized by the insurgents. A force of "several thousand" soldiers along with fighter jets and helicopter gunships have been deployed for the offensive in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa state, he added. AFP PHOTO/PIUS UTOMI EKPEIPIUS UTOMI EKPEI/AFP/Getty Images

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Military troops of Operation Thunder Strike on Saturday laid ambush, killed two bandits and recovered wraps of Indian hempo from them in Chikun Local

Government Area of Kaduna State.

Also recovered from the bandits were one motorcycle, one locally-made rifle, as well as one mobile phone.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said in a statement: “Troops of Operation Thunder Strike neutralised two bandits during a night ambush operation along the Gwagwada-Chikun road in Chikun Local Government Area.

“According to operational feedback, the troops set an opportunity ambush along the route in anticipation of bandits’ movement. The bandits approached on two motorcycles, and on springing the ambush, returned fire in an attempt to charge through.

“They were, however, overwhelmed, and two bandits were neutralised by the troops, while the others retreated with gunshot wounds.

“After the operation, the following items were recovered from the scene, along with the corpses of the bandits: one motorcycle, one locally-made rifle, a mobile phone and some wraps of Indian hemp.

“Governor Nasir El-Rufai noted the report with thanks and congratulated the troops for the successful operation, while praising their pro-active disposition.

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