

# Soldiers kill scores of bandits in 2 LGAs in Kaduna, arrest marabout

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Soldiers deployed to Kaduna State to tackle the menace of banditry in the state have killed scores of the bandits in two local government areas of the state.

The soldiers also during clearance operations arrested the spouse and marabout of the bandits.

The operation was made known to newsmen in Kaduna by the state Commissioner, Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan on Friday.

Aruwan said, "Security forces have reported that several bandits were eliminated, and camps destroyed, during clearance operations in Igabi and Chikun local

government areas."

According to reports, "clearance operations were conducted in Faka, Katuka, Barebari and Maguzawa general areas, spanning Chikun and Igabi LGAs. An unconfirmed number of bandits were sighted on the high ground across the Maguzawa river; they were engaged by a NAF attack helicopter, and neutralized.

"Furthermore, the security forces conducted clearance patrols to Katuka, about 9km from Kangan Kadi in Chikun LGA. During the destruction of camps, one fleeing bandit was apprehended, with the following items recovered, One Motorcycle, One AK-47 rifle and 30 rounds of ammunition."