

Kaduna : Soldiers engage bandits in gun battle, kill 9

....clear camps, rescue women, children

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As part of the ongoing onslaught against bandits and terrorists in Kaduna State, Special Forces deployed in the state have engaged bandits in a gun battle killing nine of them.

The battle took place in Giwa Local Government

Area of the state where several women and children kidnapped by the bandits were rescued by the forces.

Items recovered from some of the camps after killing the bandits includes locally made firearms, five rounds of ammunition, four cartridges, a radio and charger, and one military issue jungle hat.

The Kaduna State Commis-

sioner, Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan confirmed the development and said the Special Forces made further gains in the ongoing offensives as they neutralised a total of nine bandits during fierce battles in some locations in Giwa Local Government Area.

Aruwan said the troops cleared a bandit camp at a river around Rafin Sarki and neutralised five bandits in the vicinity, while many others fled.

In another development, the Commissioner said there is a fierce encounter as troops and Special Forces cleared a hideout around Galadimawa forest, where four bandits were engaged and neutralised.

He said, "More than a dozen kidnapped women and children were rescued by the troops, having been abandoned by their captors. On clearing the camp, the

combat-ready officers and men recovered five locally made firearms, five rounds of ammunition, four cartridges, a radio and charger, and one military issue jungle hat."

According to him, offensives

in the identified bandit enclaves will continue across the state and appealed to residents to continue to volunteer information on bandits, their hideouts as well as their informants and logisticians.

Gunmen attack Rivers PDP campaign chief's residence in P/H

Suspected political thugs early yesterday invaded the residence of Senator Lee Maeba in the GRA, Phase 3 axis of Port Harcourt, Rivers State capital.

Maeba is the chairman, Peoples Democratic Party Presidential Campaign Council in Rivers State.

A source told our correspondent that the hoodlums came from a nearby street, shot sporadically at his entrance, and eventually broke into the former

Senator's compound.

They reportedly destroyed about five cars, including a jeep, while three persons in the compound, including Senator Maeba's relative scampered for safety.

When our correspondent visited the scene about 10:50am, a team of operatives of the Department of State Services and policemen along with the Senator were seen driving into the residence.



Soldiers

Court sentences man to death.