

Troops kill 9 bandits, rescue women, children in Kaduna

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KADUNA — Nine bandits were reportedly killed by troops in some Kaduna communities while 12 women and children were rescued.

Kaduna State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, who disclosed this, said: "Troops and Special Forces of the Nigerian Army made further gains in ongoing offensives as they neutralised a total of nine bandits during fierce battles in some locations in Giwa LGA.

"It was disclosed in a feedback to the Kaduna State Government that the troops cleared a bandit camp at a river line around Rafin Sarki and neutralised five bandits in the vicinity, while many others fled."

Aruwan said in another leg of the fierce encounter, the troops and Special Forces cleared a hideout around Galadimawa forest where four bandits were engaged and killed.

"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."