

Troops kill notorious bandit leader, 3 others in Kaduna

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KADUNA— Security forces have reported to the Kaduna State Government that troops of Operation Whirl Punch neutralised four bandits, including one notorious bandit leader, during fighting patrols in Giwa Local Government Area of the state.

According to the operational feedback, the troops conducted the special fighting patrol first to Tumburku village, and then projected the same to Sabon Sara, both in Giwa Local Government Area.

Samuel Aruwan, Overseeing Commissioner, Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Kaduna State, disclosed this in a statement, yesterday.

He said: "Acting on credible intelligence, the troops sighted bandits fleeing the latter location, and engaged the criminals in hot

pursuit. The troops neutralised two of the bandits, and recovered a range of items including a motorcycle, a mobile phone, gas lighters, tobacco, assorted charms, and a polythene bag containing petrol.

"Another leg of the operation was conducted at Basurfe village, Southwest of Kindandan. The troops fought through an ambush and forced the bandits to flee on motorcycles. A vigorous pursuit resulted in two more bandits neutralised. The troops further exploited the area and dislodged a camp serving as a treatment area for the insurgents.

"Recoveries made at the location included two AK47 rifles, one pump action rifle, three magazines, 16 rounds of ammunition, one Improvised Explosive Device, IED, two radios and one motorcycle, as well as cigarettes, drugs and medical accessories.

"The reports revealed that one of the bandits neutralised in the operations was a notorious bandit leader Dogo Bangaje, who was eliminated alongside a close associate yet to be identified.