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Soldiers kill kidnapper, arrest informants in Plateau

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Troops of the Joint Task Force, Operation ENDURING PEACE (JTF OPEP), have neutralised a kidnapper and arrested suspected informants while conducting Operation Peace Shield in Dong community in Jos North LGA of Plateau State.

The spokesperson of the operation, Major Samson Zhakom, in a statement, said, "Acting on credible intelligence on 15 December, 2025, troops responded to a reported kidnapping attempt at a location in Dong community, Jos North LGA.

"Upon arrival, troops engaged the kidnappers, forcing them to abandon their mission and flee the area. However, while retreating, the criminals diverted to an adjoining community where they abducted four persons. Troops immediately mobilised in pursuit and engaged the criminals in a firefight, during which one kidnapper was neutralised.

"Following the engagement, troops recovered one AK-47 rifle with a magazine and four rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition from the neutralised kidnapper.

"Additionally, three suspected informants aiding the kidnappers were arrested. Efforts are currently ongoing to rescue the abducted victims and to apprehend other members of the criminal network involved in the incident."

Major Zhakom assured the public of their unwavering commitment to safeguarding lives and property in Plateau State and the entire Joint Operations Area (JOA).

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