

Army neutralises 11 bandits, recovers weapons in Sokoto

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Lieutenant General Olufemi Oluyede,

The 8th Division of the [Nigerian Army](#) and Sector 2 Joint Task Force of North West Operation FansanYamma Strike Team, deployed for a counter-banditry and terrorism operation in Sokoto State, have conducted a swift and decisive ambush operation and tactical operations, neutralising 11 bandits and recovering a substantial cache of arms.

The bold and tactical operation, conducted near Kurawa Village in Sabon Birni Local Council, disrupted a planned attack on Tara Village, a critical area for cross-movement by terrorists and bandits.

Acting on precise credible intelligence, the strike team executed a well-coordinated ambush, engaging the bandits in an intense firefight. The operation resulted in the neutralisation of 11 bandits, while others fled with gunshot wounds.

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The troops recovered eight AK-47 rifles, five extra magazines and 26 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition. The operation not only prevented a potential terrorist attack but also dealt a significant blow to the bandits and terrorists network operating in the SabonBirni Corridor, which has been a flash point in recent times.

The proactive response by the troops highlights their unwavering commitment to protecting the lives and property of citizens in Sokoto State and its surrounding areas.

The success of the mission reinforces the Division's resolve to combat banditry and terrorism, ensuring peace and security for the people of Sokoto State.