

Troops neutralise bandits, dismantle hideouts in Sokoto

Troops of Operation Fansan Yamma have neutralised bandits and dismantled their hideouts in the highlands bordering Zamfara State, around Dangulbi and Kurawa villages in Tureta Local Government Area of Sokoto State, according to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

Several bandits, including kingpins, were killed while numerous others escaped with gunshot wounds in the June 4 operation.

The operation was in collaboration with other security agencies and local vigilantes in the area, assuring that the tempo would be sustained.

“The swift response, professionalism and courage displayed by our military personnel averted what could have been a tragic incident,” NAN quoted a source as saying.

“Let me once again reaffirm our commitment to protecting the lives and property of the citizenry.

“The army engaged them in a fierce battle. The bandits later retreated and fled into forests in neighbouring states.

“Soldiers also recovered several weapons and motorcycles.”

In a similar raid in Benue State, troops of Sector One of Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS) killed several bandits in a hideout in the Aterayange area of Ukum LGA.

Some weapons were also recovered during the operation said to have targeted at criminals based in the state and those infiltrating from neighbouring Nasarawa and Taraba states.