

Troops rescue 31 kidnap victims, kill terrorists in Kastina, Zamfara

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Troops of Sector 2 Operation FANSAN YAMMA have rescued 31 kidnapped victims, neutralised five terrorists, and dismantled several terrorist camps in a series of coordinated operations across Zamfara State.

This was contained in a statement made available to Defence Correspondents in Abuja by the Acting Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, 8 Division, Nigerian Army / Sector 2 Operation FANSAN YAMMA, Lt. Col. Olaniyi Osoba.

According to the statement, in Zamfara State, troops rescued 31 kidnapped victims around the Bagega–Kawaye axis in Anka Local Government Area of the state.

It explained that the victims were rescued from captivity following a precision air interdiction conducted by the air component of Operation FANSAN YAMMA and a follow-on ground operation on terrorist enclaves west of Bagega

Forest.

It stated that the rescued individuals, who had spent several weeks in captivity, were identified as indigenes of Maga, Gummi, Zuru, Wasagu, Bukuyyum and Anka Local Government Areas across Zamfara and Sokoto States, and were provided medical support before being set to reunite with their respective families.

The statement added that in a separate operation in Zamfara, troops made contact with terrorists in the Maradun and Gidan Dan Jaja axis, where they neutralised two terrorists, destroyed identified terrorist camps, and recovered several fabricated rifles and four motorcycles used by the criminals.

It further added that in Katsina State, troops intercepted terrorists in transit at the Ruwan Godiya axis and Sayaya Road in Matazu Local Government Area, who were allegedly moving in preparation for an imminent attack. Following a fierce firefight, troops neutralised three terrorists and recovered motorcycles and ammunition.

The statement explained that one of the terrorists neutralised was later identified as a foot soldier of the notorious terrorist kingpin, Muhammad Fulani, while rifles and motorcycles were recovered from the two encounters.

The statement reaffirmed that Operation FANSAN YAMMA remains resolute in its commitment to eradicating terrorism and ensuring the safety and security of citizens across the North West region.