

Military kills 12 terrorists, rescues Sokoto, Zamfara, Gombe hostages

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Troops of the Nigerian Army and security forces have neutralised 12 terrorists and rescued multiple hostages during coordinated operations across Zamfara, Sokoto, and Gombe states.

The offensive is part of sustained efforts to dismantle criminal networks terrorising rural communities in the North-West and North-East.

In Zamfara, troops of the 8 Division Garrison Strike Force, operating under Operation Fansan Yamma, launched targeted raids on insurgent camps in the Sububu Forest, Maradun Local Government Area.

According to the Media Information Officer of Operation Fansan Yamma, Capt. David Adewusi, the operation was aimed at “dismantling terrorist enclaves and restoring peace to Zamfara State.”

“The troops displayed exceptional bravery and tactical efficiency in neutralizing the threats encountered,” Adewusi said. “During the offensive, two terrorists were killed in Indulumu village, and four more were neutralised in Ruduno village. We recovered two AK-47 rifles, ammunition, and destroyed motorcycles used for terrorist mobility.”

The follow-up sweep in the forest led to the destruction of several terrorist camps in Magaji, Galakaje, Filinga, and Kukatara, significantly degrading the group’s logistics and operational capabilities.

During the operation, troops also rescued an underage girl, Halira Ibrahim, who had been held captive.

“The rescue underscores our unwavering commitment to protecting vulnerable citizens and combating kidnapping in the region,” Adewusi added.