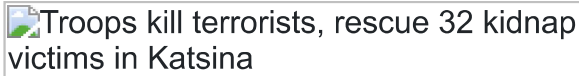


Troops kill terrorists, rescue 32 kidnap victims in Katsina

May 28, 2026 12:41 am

Troops kill terrorists, rescue 32 kidnap victims in Katsina

Map of Kastina

| By Solomon Odeniyi

Kindly share this story:



The troops of the Armed Forces of Nigeria have foiled an attempt to sabotage infrastructure belonging to the Nigerian Immigration Service near the Republic of Niger.

Two terrorists were said to have been killed during the operations.

Speaking on the operation, the Director of Defence Media Operations, Maj Gen Micheal Onoja, disclosed two terrorists were killed in Tangaza Local Government Area of Sokoto State on May 14.

“On 14 May 2026, two terrorists were neutralised in Tangaza LGA of Sokoto State while attempting to sabotage Nigerian Immigration Service infrastructure near the Republic of Niger,” he said.

Onoja said on May 8, troops operating a snap checkpoint in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State arrested a suspected terrorist found with incriminating photographs and weapons magazines.

He added that on the same day, troops carried out an offensive operation at Dikawa village in Matazu Local Government Area of Katsina State, where two terrorists were neutralised and 32 kidnapped victims rescued.

“On the same day, a major offensive at Dikawa village in Matazu LGA of Katsina State neutralised two terrorists and produced one of the most significant humanitarian outcomes of the period, which is the rescue of 32 kidnapped victims comprising nine men, ten women, and thirteen children, alongside 26 livestock, from a fortified terrorist enclave,” he said.

Related News

COAS’s frontline Sallah visit will inspire soldiers — Sokoto security adviser

Police arrest father, son, recover four firearms in Ogun

Kano varsity cancels Niger field trip over insecurity

Onoja also said troops intercepted an illegal ammunition movement in the Federal Capital Territory.

“On 3 May 2026, a suspect was apprehended along the Abaji-Kwali road in Abuja, found to have concealed 250 rounds of 7.62mm (Special) ammunition within a vehicle’s engine compartment.

“This arrest exposed the calculated mechanisms through which illegal arms are trafficked within the country,” Onoja stated.

He said troops also recovered an AK-47 rifle during a kidnap intervention in Doma Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

Onoja described the dismantling of an illegal arms manufacturing factory in Plateau State as one of the most significant operations carried out during the period under review.

“The most strategically significant operation of this phase was the dismantling of an illegal arms manufacturing complex in Vom, Jos South LGA, where a Quick Reaction Force raid on two active production sites resulted in the arrest of five suspects in the act of producing illegal firearms,” he said.

He listed items recovered from the operation to include “nine fabricated AK-47 rifles, a locally fabricated pistol, seven AK-47 skeletons, four recoiling springs, four revolver engines, and an array of industrial drilling, filing, and welding equipment.”