

# 3 soldiers killed as troops neutralise 45 terrorists in Katsina

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**From Agaju Madugba, Katsina**

**Daredevil terrorists have killed three soldiers including a captain during a confrontation with security forces in Dan-Musa Local Government Area of Katsina State.**

A statement on Saturday by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Dr. Nasiru Muazu, said the encounter took place on March 6 during which the troops eliminated 45 of the bandits.

The statement noted that Governor Umaru Dikko Radda, “commended the bravery and sacrifice of our soldiers,” adding that their actions have saved countless lives and disrupted the operations of the dangerous criminals.

The statement said: “The Nigerian Army has dealt a severe blow to bandits terrorizing Katsina State, neutralizing 45 criminals in a fierce encounter in Danmusa Local Government Area.

“The operation, which took place yesterday, resulted from credible intelligence gathered by security personnel.

“Among those killed was Alti, the nephew and second-in-command to the notorious bandit leader, Adamu Alieru. Also eliminated was another top bandit known as Damale.

“The clash began when bandits from Zamfara State, armed with sophisticated weapons and riding on motorcycles, attacked Alhazawa village in Musawa LGA on March 5. They came to steal cattle.

“However, community members and repentant bandits from the area fought back. Four bandits were killed, and all the rustled cows were recovered and returned to their owners.

“Seeking revenge, the bandits returned in large numbers on March 6. They ran into soldiers attached to the Army’s Forward Operating Base (FOB) in Dan Ali while heading towards Musawa LGA near Maidabino A ward.

“What followed was an intense and fierce battle. The Army successfully neutralized all 45 bandits.

“However, the victory came at a cost. Captain Paul Hassan and two other soldiers lost their lives in the encounter.

“We also extend condolences to the families of the deceased military personnel.

“Our security forces remain alert and will continue to pursue these criminals wherever they go. We will not rest until peace is fully restored to every corner of Katsina State.”