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# Troops storm terror kingpin Gwaska's stronghold, kill scores

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**S**OKOTO—TROOPS of the 8 Division of the Nigerian Army, operating under Sector 2 of Operation FANSAN YAMMA, have neutralised scores of bandits during a raid on the camp of notorious bandit leader Gwaska Dan Karmi.

The operation followed credible intelligence indicating that more than 100 bandits had converged at the camp to coordinate large-scale attacks on local communities and military supply routes. After days of intensive surveillance, ground troops, supported by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF), intercepted the bandits on January 31, 2026.

A fierce firefight ensued as the terrorists attempted to flank and encircle the

troops, but they were overwhelmed by superior firepower. While many of the bandits were killed, others fled with gunshot wounds. The camp was subsequently set ablaze before the troops withdrew.

The NAF component is currently conducting interdiction missions to track and neutralise fleeing remnants, while ground forces maintain dominance over the area.

Regrettably, some gallant soldiers paid the supreme price during the encounter, and one combat support vehicle was hit by an enemy rocket-propelled grenade and caught fire. The Nigerian Army has honoured the sacrifice of the fallen soldiers and reaffirmed its resolve to continue dismantling bandit networks and disrupting their supply chains across the region.