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# Troops kill bandits, recover animals in Kaduna, Zamfara

**T**roops of the 1 Division, Nigerian Army, have killed two armed bandits in Kaduna and Zamfara axis and arrested four suspects in connection with cattle rustling and impersonation.

The Acting Director, Army Public Relations, Col. Sani Usman, said in a statement yesterday that the bandits were killed during operations to clear cattle rustlers and armed bandit camps.

Usman said the troops recovered a revolver pistol and six locally fabricated 9mm rounds

of ammunition from one of the dead bandits.

He also said troops in Zamfara cleared two armed bandits' camps, recovered 209 cows, 1,062 goats and sheep at Dumburum forest general area of Zurmi Local Government Area of the state.

According to him, the suspects were arrested in Mararabar Jos, Igabi and Kubau Local Government Areas of Kaduna and along the road that links Kaduna and Katsina States through Birnin Gwari-Funtua.

Usman said two of the suspects had paraded themselves as

members of a non-existent vigilante group harassing and extorting money from unsuspecting members. He gave their names as Hamza Hare and Sani Abdul-Aziz, adding that they posed as liaison officers to security officers. Usman said a suspect known as Mohammed and popularly called "Abedariwa" had confessed to the crime and gave graphic details of his deadly acts.

"He promised to cooperate fully with the military to fish out other criminal elements," the army spokesman said. (NAN)

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