Army loses two soldiers, kill 21 bandits in Zamfara

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The Nigerian Army yesterday said it lost two of its personnel during a fierce gun battle in Zamfara state, but that the troops killed about 21 bandits.

The Nigerian Army troops of 232 Battalion Zuru while on clearance patrol encountered armed bandits and killed 21 of them at Tunga Daji in Anka Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

In a statement signed by the Director Army Public Relations, Brigadier General Texas Chukwu he said that many bandits escaped with gun shot wounds into the interior.

Chukwu added that weapons recovered from the bandits include 5 AK 47 assault rifles, one Light machine gun, 5 magazines of AK 47 rifle and 35 rounds of 7,62mm special ammunition.

Speaking on the death of their personnel, the Army spokesperson said, 'unfortunately we lost an officer and a soldier during the encounter. The remains of the officer

and soldier has been evacuated to Federal Medical Center Gusau.

In another development troops deployed at Bena who were on patrol acted on a tip off and conducted raid operation at bandits Camp in Laka Village of Kebbi State and killed one of the bandit and recovered one AK 47 rifle with a magazine.

Chukwu said, "Troops have been mobilize on special operation to comb the general area and arrest any fleeing bandit."