3 militiamen killed in gun duel with soldiers

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The Force Commander of Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS), Major General, Adeyemi Yekini, yesterday said troops under his command neutralized three militiamen allegedly loyal to wanted militia leader, Terwase Akwaza, popularly known as "Ghana."

Yekini told journalists in Makurdi that his men achieved the feat after they engaged the militia in a gun duel following a tip off.

He explained that the troops in Zaki Biam were alerted that militiamen loyal to Ghana had launched an attack on a part of the town with intent to kill and loot, and the soldiers swiftly responded.

The force commander added that in the ensuing gun battle, three of the militiamen were neutralized and two weapons including ammunitions were recovered from them.

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Daily Trust reports that Zaki Biam came under heavy attack on Thursday from armed militiamen, leading to the killing of three persons including a police officer.