

## Troops kill 21 bandits, lose officer, 2 soldiers in Katsina

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**T**roops conducting Operation Sahel Sanity killed 21 bandits and rescued an eight months old baby in an encounter in Unguwar Doka village in Faskari Local Government Area of Katsina State, the Acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Brig. Gen. Benard Onyeuko, said yesterday.

Onyeuko also disclosed that dozens of others escaped with gunshot wounds into the forest as evident by the trails of blood along

the criminals' escape route.

"In the aftermath of the decisive encounter, the gallant troops successfully rescued three kidnapped victims including an eight months old baby who had been in the custody of the criminals for more than 23 days.

He added that one officer and two soldiers paid the supreme sacrifice while two other soldiers were wounded in action and are currently receiving medical treatment in a military medical facility and responding positively.

troops disperse crowd