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Troops kill bandits while kidnapping pregnant woman

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Troops of Nigerian Army attached to Operation Hadarin Daji, have neutralised 14 bandits terrorising Eldabala village in Tangaza Local Government Area and along Lamba Bakura-Dogo Karfe Road in Sokoto State while trying to kidnap a pregnant woman and other 35 victims.

The soldiers also intercepted a total number of 7 AK-47 rifles,

6 motorcycles, assorted military and police uniforms, 6 vehicles, 4 machetes among other items from the criminals, while they also assisted one of the victims to safe delivery of a baby during one of the encounters.

Acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Brig.-Gen. Benard Onyeuko, who disclosed this to journalists at Defence Headquarters, Abuja, added that 16 bandits' informants and

collaborators including one impostor bearing Faisal Saidu who paraded himself as Lance Corporal Saidu Abubakar were nabbed.

He said, "Within 16th and 29 July, our troops responded to distress calls of bandits and armed militia groups' attacks on civilians at Hanutaru and Dansadau villages in Maru LGA of Zamfara State; along Gusau - Sokoto Road.