

# Troops kill bandits' leader in Zamfara

● We'll continue to destroy recovered vessels from oil thieves - Military

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Troops of Operation Hadarin Daji have killed a bandits' leader, Ibrahim Chire, who had terrorized places like Gando, Gwashi, Bukkuyum and Anka areas in Zamfara State.

Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. Musa Danmadami, in a statement last night, said Chire was killed during a gun-duel with the military.

He said two other terrorists were also neutralized; while their followers fled with gunshot injuries during a fighting patrol to bandits' enclave at Doka village Gando Forest in Anka Local Government Area.

Meanwhile, operatives of the Nigerian Military, Immigration Service and Police have arrested two fake officials of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) in Niger Republic.

The suspects, according to the Military High Command, were apprehended at an internally displaced persons' camp located at Gagamari in Niger Republic while registering non-Nigerians and enrolling them on Nigeria's data base.

Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. Musa Danmadami, disclosed this at a press briefing at the Defence Headquarters in Abuja

yesterday.

He said: "Items recovered from the suspects include National Identification Number (NIN) registration machine, printing machine, laminating machine, a computer tracking machine and a generator set among other items."

He said the military would continue to destroy vessels and other illegal items seized from oil thieves in the South-South.

"That's the rule of engagement and the mandate we're carrying out except that mandate changes. We'll continue to fulfill our mandate - recover and destroy!"

Danmadami said oil thieves had been denied the opportunity of smiling home with products valued at N654,850,755.04.

The immediate-past Director of Defence Media Operation, Maj.-Gen. Benard Onyeuko, said, "Yes, we arrested the foot soldiers of the oil thief cabals, those caught in the scene of crime and further investigations are on. Ours is to get rid of them by arresting them and hand them over to the relevant authorities."

"Subsequently, if there's further information concerning the cabals, we'll let you know, but for now, let the investigations continue and get back to you soon."

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