

Operation Safe Haven, a multi-security task force maintaining peace in the state, has recently recorded success in the fight against bandits in the villages of Wase.

On June 1, the operation through its spokesperson, Major Samson Zhakom, disclosed that troops of 3 Division and Operation Safe Haven (OPSH), killed three notorious bandits in Pinau village who have been terrorising the area.

Major Zhakom had also on May 15 told journalists that troops of the operation killed two bandits around Nemaledu community of Wase after soldiers laid an ambush close to the hideouts, adding that one AK47 rifle was recovered from the suspects.

The OPSH's spokesperson on May 30 told journalists that in the early hours of May 31, 2025, troops of 3 Division/Operation SAFE HAVEN acting on credible intelligence conducted offensive operations at hideouts belonging to criminal elements along the fringes of Pinau Village.

Major Zhakom said during the operation, troops made contact with criminal elements terrorising the general area including Pinau – Gimbi road and in an exchange of fire, troops overwhelmed the criminals neutralised three of the bandits while others fled with gunshot wounds as indicated by the blood stains along their withdrawal routes.

Troops exploited the general area and recovered one AK-47 rifle and one AK-47 magazine.