

Troops kill four bandits, free captives, recover 152 livestock in Katsina, Zamfara

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TROOPS of Operation Sahel Sanity have killed four bandits and inflicted injuries on several others at Unguwan-Doka village in Dandume Council of Katsina State.

In recent operations, they have also rescued eight abducted victims, recovered 152 animals, arrested two bandits' spies, as well as recovered cache of arms and ammunition.

All the rescued victims and recoveries were made in

Zamfara and Katsina states.

The Unguwan-Doka incident, according to a statement by the Acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Brig.-Gen. Benard Onyeuko, occurred on October 2.

The statement issued to newsmen yesterday in Katsina noted that the troops deployed at Sabon Layi rescued four kidnapped victims from Giruwa village of Dandume Council of Katsina following artillery bombardments on suspected bandits' location at Unguwan-Doka village, which resulted in the killing

of four bandits while others escaped into the forest.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the victims have been in captivity for 12 days. All rescued victims have been re-united with their families amid cheers and praises," he said.

Recent activities by the troops also yielded results with the arrest of many bandits, recovery of rustled animals and the liberation of many captives.

Onyeuko, in a statement yesterday, disclosed that the timely intervention of Operation Sahel Sanity led to

the smashing of a criminal syndicate with attendant casualty on the criminals, while 43 cows, six goats and eight sheep were recovered from the fleeing rustlers. He added that the recovered animals had been handed over to their lawful owners.

According to the statement, troops deployed in Kauran Namoda, Zamfara State, acting on credible intelligence, intercepted a herd of suspected rustled cattle, and the suspects fled into the bush abandoning 30 cows, which have already been handed over to their owners.