

Troops neutralise terrorists in Benue, Katsina

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TROOPS of Operation WHIRL STROKE have eliminated terrorists in a fierce battle.

Spokesperson for Defence Media Operations, Major General Benard Onyeuko, disclosed this in a statement yesterday.

According to him, on July 15 based on credible intelligence, the troops conducted a raid operation at CHITO general area, SANKERA council ward in Ukum Local Council of Benue State and in the process, came in contact with suspected bandits.

He said:

"The bandits on sighting the advancing troops, fired at the direction of the troops. Troops responded with heavy and superior firepower and neutralised three bandits, while others escaped. Troops searched the bandits's hideout and recovered 18 motorcycles, which they used to terrorise the area.

"Similarly, troops of Operation HADARIN DAJI, in a special operation in the early hours of July 17 conducted operation at PALALE-JAJA village in JIBIA Local Council of Katsina State and made con-

tact with terrorists.

"Troops engaged them with and neutralised two terrorists. Items recovered include: two AK 47 Rifles, two magazines, 16x rounds of 7.62mm special, six motorcycles, two phones, a clipper, some packets of tramadol drug, among other items.

"The military High Command commends troops of Operation WHIRL STROKE and Operation HADARIN DAJI for feat and encourages the general public to avail troops with more credible and timely information on criminal activities in their areas."