

# Troops neutralise terrorists in Northwest, intercept illicit drugs in Ogun

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**T**ROOPS of the Nigerian Army have in a series of co-ordinated operations, raided terrorists' enclaves in Katsina and Zamfara states, resulting in the elimination of a significant number of terrorists. A post on the Nigerian Army's official X handle yesterday, said the operations were conducted on March 29 and March 30. It said the troops had, in an operation conducted in Zamfara on March 29, successfully raided the den of a notorious terrorists' kingpin, Hassan Yantagwaye, in Tsafe Local Council.

It added that Yantagwaye and his group had been responsible for kidnappings and acts of terrorism in some parts of Northwest parts of Nigeria.

"During the operation, troops overpowered the terrorists in an ensuing gun battle, neutralising three of them and recovering a cache of

arms and ammunition and also destroyed the terrorists' camps.

"In Katsina State, the gallant troops on March 30, engaged in a fierce gun battle with terrorists in Shawu Kuka, Shinda, Tafki, Gidan Surajo and Citakushi in Kabai I and Kabai II within Faskari Local Council.

"The troops neutralised eight terrorists and recovered three locally fabricated guns, military uniforms and a large quantity of stolen grains," it said.



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