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Maj.-Gen. John Enenche

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Similarly, troops of the Nigerian military also killed scores of bandits and rescued seven kidnapped victims in Niger State.

Major General John Enenche, coordinator of the Defence Media Operations, Defence Headquarters (DHQ), who made the disclosure on Sunday in an operation update, said some of the bandits also escaped with various degrees of gunshot wounds.

General Enenche said troops of the 31 Artillery Brigade on April 11, 2020, inflicted the damage on the banditry gang during a mop-up operation to clear bandits at the Dogon Gona forest of Niger State.

The Defence Media Operations coordinator disclosed that the seven rescued victims, who were abandoned by the bandits after a fierce battle with troops, were said to have been kidnapped on March 27, 2020, and taken to an unknown destination.

“Following interrogation after a successful rescue operation, the village head of Madaki confirmed that the victims were natives of Roro village of Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State.

“The victims would soon be handed over to the appropriate authorities for further necessary action.

“In a related development, troops of the 31 Artillery Brigade, on 11 April, 2020, at Kontokoro village, while on clearance operation, engaged bandits in a gun duel. The operation led to the neutralisation of several bandits and some escaped with gunshot wounds.

“The Armed Forces of Nigeria hereby continue to solicit for timely and credible information for the enhancement of its operations. This is highly desirable in tackling our security challenges,” General Enenche said.