


# Troops Kill 3 Armed Militia Men, Injure Others In Benue



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**Abuja** – No fewer than three armed militia members in Benue state, were on Wednesday, killed by troops of the Armed Forces of Nigeria (AFN), with several others fleeing with various degrees of gunshot wounds.

A large cache of arms and ammunition were also, successfully recovered during the raid operations, as troops also destroyed a camp ibelonging to the militia group in the state.

Major General John Enenche, Coordinator of Defence Media Operations (CDMO), in the Defence headquarters (DHQ), Abuja, made this disclosure in an operation update on Thursday.

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General Enenche said that the mission was conducted by troops of Operation WHIRL STROKE made up of Sector 2 deployed at Katsina Ala, Ukum and Logo Local Government Areas of Benue state and those of Sector 4 drawn from parts of Taraba state on April 22, 2020.

The CDMO, disclosed that the troops carried out a special raid operation on a suspected militia camp located at Anku Mbagen in Atera-Jange Torov Council Ward of Ukum LGA of Benue state.

He further disclosed that the troops “recovered large cache cache of arms, ammunition and other items.”

General Enenche said that the operation was sequel to a timely and credible information received on the activities of Tiv armed militia operating around the border areas of Benue and Taraba states.

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“The armed militia on sighting the troops opened a barrage of fire on own troops. The Special Forces troops responded swiftly and neutralized Three gang members while others abandoned their position and weapons and fled into the bush with gunshot wounds.

“Items recovered include One 81mm Mortar gun, Five 60mm Commando Mortar gun, Seven locally fabricated Mortar tubes guns, Three SMG rifles, Three Double Barrel rifles.”

The CDMO further listed other items recovered to include, “Two locally made rifles, One G3 rifle, One locally made pistol, Five AK 47 magazines, 166 rounds of 7.62mm NATO ammunition, One car battery, 15 rounds of locally made ammunition, Two bags of gun powder, Nine pairs of Camouflage uniforms, One generator, Three motorcycles, One cellular hand set, charms and assorted hard drugs”, stressing that there was no casualty on own troops.

“The Armed Forces of Nigeria wishes to restate its commitment to restoring peace in all parts of the country. It also continue to request the general public for credible information which will assist the military to rid the country of criminal elements,” General Enenche said.