

# Troops Kill Two Militias In Benue, Inflict Gunshot Wound On Leader

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**T**roops of the Nigerian military on Saturday killed two militias in Benue State and inflicted gunshot wound on their wanted leader, Gana.

Gana was, however, said to have narrowly escaped along with other of his boys during the raid operation.

This is even as the troops also apprehended seven militias in Bassa, Nasarawa State.

Major General John Enenche, Co-ordinator of the Defence Media Oper-

ations (CDMO) in the Defence Headquarters (DHQ), revealed this in an operation update on Sunday.

General Enenche said that the wanted Gana and his boys encountered a combined team of Operation WHIRL STROKE, in a special raid operation, and suffered heavy casualties arising from the superior fire power of the troops.

The CDMO disclosed that the military was able to find out the extent of damage suffered by Gana during the operation, while taking stock of the operation.

The Defence Operations Spokesman said in the release, that, "a combined

team of Operation WHIRL STROKE Special Forces troops of Sector 2 deployed in Gbise and Zaki Biam in Benue State and Sector 4 from Taraba State carried out a raid operation on the hideout of the wanted notorious criminal named Gana in Mtan village in Utenge Council Ward of Katsina-Ala LGA of Benue State on 16 May 2020.

"Two (2) of the gang members were neutralised and others fled with various degrees of gunshot wounds.

"Exploitation revealed that Gana narrowly escaped death with gunshot wounds.

"Items recovered in-

clude one locally fabricated machine gun, six locally made rifles, two locally fabricated cartridge guns, one dane gun, two revolver pistols, two cartridge pistols, 27 rounds of 9mm ammunition, two Motorcycles, one camouflage shirt, one generating set, one bag of gun powder and assorted charms. Gana's personal belongings, other items and thatched houses were destroyed."

General Enenche added that in another development, troops of Sector 3 deployed at Ondori in Doma LGA of Nasarawa State also arrested seven militias in the state.

He disclosed that the mi-

litias were arrested following a credible intelligence that a group of Bassa armed militia was planning to attack some Tiv villages over land disputes.

"Troops raided their camp located at Kpelebe-wa village in Rukubi area of Doma LGA of Nasarawa State. Troops apprehended seven members of the Bassa militia dressed in red shirts in the camp.

"Items recovered include one locally fabricated machine gun, six locally fabricated rifles, two locally fabricated cartridge guns, one dane gun, two revolver pistols, two cartridge firing pistols, 57 rounds of 7.62mm special

ammunition, 29 rounds of 9mm ammunition, and 22 cartridges of ammunition.

Other items are one dagger, poisoned bows and arrows, desert camouflage head gears and pouch, six phone handsets and some charms.

The suspects are currently undergoing interrogation and would be handed over to the police at conclusion.

"The Military High Command congratulates the troops and requests the general public to continue to provide the Armed Forces with credible information to facilitate its operations in the country," he said.

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