

# Troops Kill Four Bandits Along Kaduna-Abuja Expressway

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**T**roops of the Operation Accord of the Armed Forces of Nigeria (AFN) Wednesday killed four armed bandits along the Kaduna-Abuja expressway.

Major General John Enenche, Coordinator of the Defence Media Operations (CDMO), who made the disclosure, at a briefing in Abuja, on Thursday, said that the military has vowed to rid the North West part of the country of banditry.

General Enenche in his update on military opera-

tions in the North West said that in continuation of the sustained offensive against armed bandits and other criminal elements in the country, "troops of Operation Accord have killed four armed bandits at Jeka Da Rabi area along Kaduna-Abuja expressway.

He said that acting on credible intelligence on the movement of bandits from Kachia area troops swiftly mobilised to the scene and laid ambush.

"The gallant troops made contact with the bandits and engaged them with superior firepower thereby neutralising four while others escaped with gunshot wounds. Troops also recovered one AK 47

rifle and five rounds of 9mm with a magazine. The gallant troops have continued to dominate the general area with aggressive patrols in search of the fleeing bandits," he said.

The CDMO said the Armed Forces of Nigeria and other security agencies have continued to build on recent successes against armed bandits operating in the North West zone.

He said within the period under review, August 27 to September 2, troops of Operations Hadarin Daji and Sahel Sanity carried out aggressive clearance operations against armed bandits.

"Most importantly was

on August 28, 2020, when troops of Operation Sahel Sanity deployed at Mara laid ambush on suspected bandits who attempted to invade Gobirawa village but were repelled by combined effort of troops and local vigilante.

"During the ambush, troops made contact with the armed bandits and engaged them with superior fire power neutralising two in the process while others escaped with gunshot wounds," he said.

He added that in the course of the exploitation, troops recovered one AK-47 Rifle and one motorcycle from the fleeing bandits. In the same vein, he said troops deployed at Zakka acting on credible intelligence arrested three suspected armed bandits who were identified by locals to be members of a syndicate terrorising the area.