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## Troops Kill Two Armed Bandits In Benue

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The Nigerian military high command on Wednesday said that its troops of Operation WHIRL STROKE, killed two armed bandits in Benue State.

Major General John Enenche, Coordinator of Defence Media Operations (CDMO), made the disclosure in an operation update released in Abuja to newsmen.

General Enenche said troops while on raid operations at River Yo-Yo and Tachar villages respectively had contact with armed bandits who opened fire as troops closed in on their position.

He said troops responded with superior fire power forcing the armed elements to flee into the surrounding

bushes.

"The gallant troops engaged the bandits in hot pursuit following which two were killed.

"In the course of operation, one locally made AK 47 rifle, one magazine, 7 rounds of 7.62mm Special ammunition, one Toyota Corolla car, some substances suspected to be Indian hemp as well as charms were recovered.

"Troops subsequently cleared the bandits' hideout. Currently, the gallant troops have dominated the area with aggressive patrols to deny bandits freedom of action," General Enenche said.

The Military High Command commended the gallant troops for their dedication and professionalism and encouraged them to intensify the onslaught against the enemies of the nation.