

Within the period, our troops responded to distress calls of bandits and armed militia groups' attacks on civilians at Hanutaru and Dansadau villages in Maru LGA of Zamfara State along Gusau-Sokoto Road. Troops also carried out rescue operations within the period at Bakori LGA of Katsina State; Eldabala village in Tangaza LGA and along Lamba Bakura-Dogo Karfe Road in Sokoto State.

"Consequently, no fewer than 14 armed bandits were neutralised. Also, a total of 36 kidnapped victims were rescued within the period and troops assisted one of the victims to safe delivery of a baby during one of the encounters.

"A total of 7 AK-47 rifles, six motorcycles, assorted military and police uniforms, six vehicles and four machetes, among other items, were recovered within the period. Also, a total of 24 criminal elements were intercepted and arrested, including 16 bandits' informants/collaborators and an impostor by name Faisal Saidu who paraded himself as Lance Corporal Saidu Abubakar.

"Furthermore, a total of 223 rustled livestock were recovered during the period.

"Within the period, troops of *Operation Hadin Kai* conducted several land and air operations at different locations of the theatre. These include robust clearance, ambush and road piquet operations as well as comprehensive air patrols to dominate the general area and neutralise terrorists as well as frustrate other criminal elements.