

# Troops Neutralise Three Bandits In Benue, Recover Arms, Ammunition

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**T**roops of Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS) on Tuesday neutralised three bandits and rescued a kidnap victim from the hands of bandits in Zaki-Biam, Ukum Local Government Area (LGA) of Benue State.

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Special Adviser to Governor Samuel Ortom on Security, who disclosed this to Daily Independent in Makurdi on Wednesday explained that the bandits were killed in a failed attempt to kidnap their target in Zaki-Biam.

He said, "Items recovered from the bandits were one AK-47 rifle, three magazines, one Toy-

ota corolla wagon, one desert camouflage, one woodland camouflage as well as handsets.

"On 24th May, 2022 at about 1530hrs one Ordue Kanga aka Ordada and gang kidnapped one Omemma Chimobi, an Igbo man by tribe, in Zaki-Biam town.

"Based on a tip-off to troops of Sub-Sector 2 in Zaki-Biam trailed the

bandits through the yam market road as they were looking for escape routes.

"On sighting troops, the bandits opened fire from inside the red Toyota, but troops returned fire power and neutralised three of the bandits."

He, however, stated that the kidnapped victim, Omemma Chimobi, was rescue from the vehicle of the kidnappers.