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The troops of Nigerian Army operating in Faskari and Safana areas of Katsina State have killed 11 notorious rustlers and cleared seven major rustlers' enclaves.

The troop, code named Operation RESTORE PEACE II was recently activated following the request by the Governors of seven North Western States under the leadership of Kaduna State Governor.

It was approved by the President to checkmate cattle rustling and armed robbery in the affected states.

A statement signed by Assistant Director, Army Public Relations, Captain Ikechukwu Stephen Eze, and made available to newsmen said the troops conducted raids, ambushes and fighting patrols in some of the affected areas aimed at ending cattle rustling in the state.

The statement listed areas affected as Danmusa, Dandume, Funtua, Faskari, Safana, Sabuwa, Batsari, Kafur, Jibia and Kankara LGAs.

"From 10 July 2015, when the operation commenced to date, seven major rustlers' enclaves were identified and cleared"

"During encounters, 11 of the most notorious cattle rustlers were killed-in-action and many others escaped with injuries while 39 armed bandits were arrested and handed over to the police" Capt Eze added.

Eze said the troops recovered items which included 157 cows, 140 sheep, 19 goats and six donkeys, and 19 locally made Dane guns, one locally made pistol , pieces of military uniforms, three national identity cards, two expired international passports, assorted charms and a pickup truck possibly used by rustlers for their nefarious activities.

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