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Army, DSS-backed Hybrid Forces, Kill 45 Bandits In Niger

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Troops of the Nigerian Army and hybrid forces, backed by intelligence support from the Department of State Services (DSS) in Iburu village, Shiroro local government area of Niger State, have killed 45 bandits terrorising the area.

Security sources disclosed that the DSS, on intercepting intelligence that the terrorists riding several motorcycles were advancing to attack Iburu

and the neighbouring villages, alerted soldiers on standby.

According to the sources, a gunfight ensued with the troops killing at least 45 terrorists on Friday.

The sources quoted the villagers as saying they counted at least 40 dead bodies believed to be those of the bandits and also counted dozens of the bandits' motorcycles destroyed during the gunfight.

The sources added that two members of the hybrid forces fighting alongside soldiers lost their lives, while

four others were said to be receiving treatment for serious gunshot injuries at a public hospital in the state capital.

Recall that in April, the comptroller general of the Nigeria Customs Service, Bashir Adeniyi, raised the alarm over terrorist activities around the Babanna border in Niger State.

Adeniyi said his men were lucky to have survived an ambush by the terrorists, who were angered by the seizure by the Customs officers of 500 jerry-cans of petrol that smugglers were delivering to them.