

Troops kill 15 bandits in Zamfara

TROOPS of the 223 Light Tank Battalion, Gusau, Zamfara State, have killed 15 bandits in two separate operations, Commanding Officer of the battalion, Lt. Col. Abdullahi Adamu, has said.

Adamu, who spoke to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Gusau yesterday, said the operations were carried out between September 7 and 10.

He said an early morning raid was launched on a suspected hideout in Dumburum forest in Zurmi council, and seven bandits were killed. Others escaped with injuries.

One round of 2.7mm calibre ammunition, and a pair of Army desert camouflage uniform were recovered from the camp, Adamu said.

He added that the troops also invaded Bagega area in Anka Local Government. But the hoodlums fled before they arrived. The soldiers, however, destroyed the camp with an abandoned motorcycle.

The troops also raided another camp at Gando forest, near Baruba village in Bukkuyum council where eight bandits were killed. Others also fled with injuries. The camp was later burnt.

Adamu said all bandits camps and their means of transportation were being destroyed.

Also, clearance patrol across forests to apprehend the fleeing bandits was on.

Lt. Col. Adamu said the operations were carried out in collaboration with the police, Department of State Services (DSS), local vigilance groups and Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC).

The commanding officer appealed to the people to continue to give information to help rid the state of criminals.