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One soldier killed, assorted ammunition recovered from bandits in Zamfara

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One soldier was allegedly killed and assorted ammunition recovered during an exchange of gunfire between troops and bandits in Zamfara State.

The military operations, Sharar Daji and Harbin Kunama III were carried out in various communities of Zamfara state, during which 934 x 7.62mm (NATO) ammunition, one AK 47 rifle, one chain used to prevent their kidnapped victims from escaping and seven motorcycles were recovered from the bandits.

According to a statement issued on Friday in Gusau by the Assistant Director of Army Public Relations, Major Clem Abiade, the troops, while on patrol to Kara Market in Shinkafi Local Government Area of Zamfara State also arrested a suspected informant to the bandits and three other suspects Lawwali Denden; Salisu Na-mansu and Kabiru Kamarawa from Kamarawa village of Shinkafi axis and Mohammed Sani from Indiri village.

Abiade said the suspects had been handed over to the appropriate security agency for further interrogation and possible prosecution.

He said: "The ongoing dual military operations, Operation "Sharar Daji" and "Exercise Harbin Kunama III," are aimed at mitigating banditry and criminality that is on the high rise in Zamfara. The troops in conjunction with the Nigerian Army Deep Blue Special Forces, NAF Air Component and Vigilantes while on clearance operation to ALJUMMA FULANI and KETERE villages in Zamfara State had a fierce encounter with large number of well-armed bandits."

"During the encounter, seven (7) of the bandits were neutralized, while some escaped with possible gunshot wounds. Unfortunately, one soldier had paid the supreme sacrifice, six soldiers and a vigilante were wounded. Due to the superior fire power of the troops, they(troops) were able to compel the bandits to flee and abandon their camps which were set ablaze by the gallant troops."

The statement noted that the Force Commander, Maj Gen Hakeem Oladapo Otiki commiserated with the family of the late soldier and prayed his sacrifice would not be in vain.



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