

Military destroys kidnappers' camp on Kogi boundary

- 100 victims rescued

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A notorious bandits' camp on the Kogi-Nasarawa boundary has been destroyed by the military, it was learnt on Sunday.

For over eight years, travelers on the Abuja-Lokoja Highway have been robbed, killed or abducted by bandits and Boko Haram elements believed to be operating from the Darusalam camp.

Personnel from 117 Battalion and Army Records, Lokoja stormed the camp last week with help from local vigilance groups and cleared the area, killing one bandit who was trying to escape, a

Kogi State government source said.

Over 100 persons, mostly women and children, held by the outlaws were rescued and taken to Lafia, the Nasarawa State capital, it was gathered.

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About 180 family members of Darusalam elements were captured on Sunday at Achara in Tawari, Kogi State.

Commuters on the Abuja-Lokoja Expressway were said to have heaved a sigh of relief at the destruction of the Darusallam camp.

No fewer than 2,000 kidnappers, bandits and Boko Haram elements were believed to have used the camp as base for their activities.

Kogi State Governor Yahaya Bello provided support for the military operation, *The Nation* learnt.