

# Troops neutralise six 'kidnappers', arrest gunrunners, others



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## • 32 suspects nabbed, N1.6m recovered in Adamawa

Five of the suspects were killed during operations conducted in collaboration with the police and local vigilantes at Tahuwa Community, between August 28 and September 4.

The troops also recovered 3AK-47 rifles, one SMG rifle and 105 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition.

A statement yesterday by the spokesman Operation Safe Haven (OPSH), Captain James Oya, said the troops also carried out sting operations across Plateau and Kaduna states which led to the arrest of three kidnap suspects and a banditry kingpin, Dauda Tahiru.

Troops of the Special Taskforce (STS), Operation HAKORIN DAMISA IV have killed six suspected kidnappers and arrested 54 others over alleged farm destruction, armed robbery, gunrunning and illicit drug trafficking.

He said Tahiru was arrested in connection with the last attack at Heipang village in Barkin Ladi LGA of Plateau State.

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"Similarly, following actionable intelligence, troops tracked down and arrested a notorious gunrunner, Da Nyam and one other at Kwang/Kafanchan communities of Jos South/Jama'a LGAs of Plateau and Kaduna states.

“During the operation, troops recovered one AK 47 rifle, 55 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, one DICON graded AK47 rifle with registration number 563706042 and one magazine. Suspects are currently undergoing interrogation.

“Troops also conducted clearance operations at Alaghom village/Maijuju forest, Anguware hills and Fofur general areas in Mangu LGA and recovered one motorcycle and one AK47 rifle loaded with rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition.

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“OPSH also handed over suspects and recovered truck load with vandalised railway slippers to the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) Plateau State Command for further action,” he said.

Oya said an attack around Rokwat and Mararaban Kantoma villages in Barkin Ladi LGA was foiled by the gallant troops, adding that a reprisal attack on Ruga Fulani at Sanhausa village was contained.

He said the troops also rescued kidnapped victims Alhaji Buba Musa, Friday Luka, Joy Sunday, Marachi Chimeze and a pregnant woman at Munguna/Kuba/Kagoro/ Igai villages in Plateau and Kaduna states respectively.

“In the same vein, troops apprehended one Mr Ibrahim Mohammed for car theft at Kamuru village in Zango Kataf LGA of Kaduna State.

Troops also recovered 11 empty cases and rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition while responding to a kidnap incident at Angware village in Jos East, Plateau State.

“Additionally, troops arrested two herders, Musa Mamuda and Musa Alhaji for farm destruction at Yagbak village in Zango Kataf while 27 cows were recovered for grazing on a farmland at Bot village in Bokkos LGA of Plateau State. Furthermore, 41 drug dealers were arrested at Congo Russia in Jos North and are currently in custody for further action to [NDLEA](#).

“A total of 54 arrests were effected, six kidnappers neutralised, seven victims rescued from kidnappers, two gunrunners arrested and two attacks on vulnerable communities deterred within the period while responding promptly to a total of 13 distress calls.”

In Adamawa State, the police said 32 suspected armed robbers and kidnappers were arrested and N1,689,000 cash recovered from criminals.

Those paraded at the command headquarters in Yola included Mustapha Mohammed, alleged to be responsible for the kidnap of Zainab Abbas, the wife of an Adamawa State High Court Judge.

Zainab Abbas was abducted from her residence in Nyibango, along Barracks Road, Jimeta, on June 7.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) SP Suleiman Nguroje, who paraded the suspects, said 13 AK-47 rifles, five locally made pistols, four pump action guns, four motor vehicles were also recovered.