

Army neutralises bandits, arrests 54 suspects in Plateau, Kaduna

TROOPS of Operation SAFE HAVEN (OPSH) on Operation HAKORIN DAMISA IV within a week of its operations, have neutralised bandits, recovered arms/ammunition and arrested 54 suspects in connection with kidnapping, murder, arms dealing, criminal attacks, railway vandalism, cattle rustling and farm destruction.

2 A statement by spokesman Oya said: "On November 20, 2023 following manhunt on suspected killers of Pastor Mako Maraya and the kidnap of his wife at Damakasuwa

From Kolade Adeyemi, Jos.

village in Kaura Local Government of Kaduna State, troops conducted raid operations at a hideout of the suspected criminals in Bakin Kogi general area and arrested seven suspects, namely Yahaya Haruna, Idris Abubakar, Haruna Bawa, Abubakar Ado, Ibrahim Haruna, Ayuba Adamu and Jamilu Adamu. The suspects are undergoing interrogation.

3 "On November 22, troops responded to a distress call on the activities of suspected kidnappers, at Fobur Kassa vil-

lage in Jos East Local Government of Plateau State. Troops in conjunction with hunters mobilised to the scene and engaged the suspected kidnappers in a battle. In the process, one of the criminals was neutralised, while the other fled with gunshot wounds.

"Also, troops raided a hideout of suspected drug peddlers within Mangu town, Plateau State on the same day and arrested nine suspects with substances suspected to be cannabis sativa and other illicit drugs. Suspects will be charged to court after investi-

gation has been concluded".

Oya said on November 23, troops raided a local weapon manufacturing factory at Ban village, Heipang District in Barkin Ladi Local Government and arrested one of the manufacturers, Mr. Sunday Markus Dung.

He said the troops recovered one rifle, one sub machine gun, one pistol, seven unfinished fabricated rifles, rounds of 7.62mm NATO and one Lister generator.

"Other items recovered include fabricating materials, military kits, four mobile phones and sums of money."