

# Bandits paid N1.5m to build camp in Taraba community



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## •23 bandits surrendered, one killed

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Bandits paid a chief in Amar village of **Karim Lamido Local Government** of Taraba State N1.5million to establish their camp in the area.

This was made known when troops of the 6 Brigade, Nigerian Army and Sector 3 Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS) cracked down on a notorious bandit camp where they killed a suspected bandit in Angwan Bala, Kambari village of Karim Lamido Local Government.

Acting on credible intelligence, the troops went to a hideout, and on sighting the patrol team, the bandits opened fire, prompting a response from the soldiers.

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In the ensuing firefight, one bandit was killed, while 23 others, including 19 males and four females, the Acting Assistant Director, Public Relations of the Brigade, Captain Olubodunde Oni, said in a statement.

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According to Captain Oni: "Preliminary investigations revealed that the bandits originally from Plateau State, paid a local chief in Amar village, the sum of N1,500,000 to acquire and establish their camp in the area."

He said a search of the camp led to the recovery of a significant cache of arms and ammunition, including four AK-47 rifles, five AK-47 rifle magazines, 80 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, one English-made pistol, two locally made guns, 28 cutlasses, 16 motorcycles, 48 daggers, and jack knives.

The Brigade Commander, Brig.-Gen Kingsley Chidiebere Uwa, reaffirmed their commitment to the security and stability of the state and its environs.

