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# Troops kill wanted bandit, armed robber



Troops of Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) in **Plateau State** operating under Operation Lafiyan Jama'a have gunned down a wanted notorious bandit and an armed robber in Plateau State.

In a statement, OPSH's media chief, Major Samson Zhakom yesterday, said: "The elimination of the bandit followed intense clearance by troops at Kampani Zurak in Wase Local Government Area on March 24. The bandit, a member of the Auta-led banditry syndicate, had been operating in Wase and Taraba State before he was killed.

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"Additionally, the troops received a distress call about an armed robbery on Bokkos-Richa Road in Bokkos Local Government. Troops overwhelmed the criminals during which one of them was neutralised and others fled. Troops recovered one AK-47 rifle from the neutralised criminal."

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Zhakom noted that the recovered weapon is in custody, while troops are conducting follow-up operations to intercept other fleeing members of the armed robbery gang.

He assured that OPSH will remain decisive in its onslaught against criminals, while efforts to keep the Joint Operations Area safe will also be sustained.