

Troops kill one in fierce encounter with fleeing bandits



Troops of 6 Brigade **Nigerian Army**/Sector 3 Operation WHIRL STROKE (OPWS) in Taraba state, have engaged some bandits in an exchange of gunfire, killing one in the process while others escaped with gunshot injuries.

The encounter which took place in Ussa Local Government Area of the State resulted in the recovery of one AK 47 rifle and some ammunition abandoned by the fleeing bandits.

According to a press statement made available to The Nation by Spokesman of the brigade, Captain Olubodunde Oni, the troops acting on intelligence, positioned themselves on a suspected crossing route of the bandits where they made contact with the bandits.

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The statement read: "Acting on credible intelligence regarding the movement of suspected bandits, troops stationed at Kwesati swiftly deployed and tactically established a position along a suspected crossing route.

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“During the operation, the troops made contact with the criminals and engaged them with superior firepower. The intensity of the engagement forced the bandits to flee in disarray, with several suspected to have escaped into the surrounding forest with gunshot wounds. One bandit was neutralized during the encounter.

“Following the operation, troops conducted a thorough exploitation of the area and recovered one AK-47 rifle, one AK-47 magazine containing three rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, one motorcycle, and two mobile phones”.

Speaking on the successful operation, Commander 6 Brigade Nigerian Army, Brigadier General Kingsley Chidiebere Uwa, reiterated the Brigade's resolve to sustain aggressive operations until all threats are neutralized within the state.