

Troops kill 37 bandits, arrest six, free 80 abductees

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TROOPS of Nigerian Army, which launched simultaneous operations designed to decimate banditry activities in Zamfara and other contiguous states, have continued to dominate the areas of operation with aggressive patrols.

This was contained in a press statement issued and signed by the acting force information officer, Major Clement Abiade and made

available to the journalists in Sokoto.

According to Abiade: "The troops had several encounters with bandits during the period in focus and neutralised 37 bandits while about six suspected bandits were also arrested during the period.

"Similarly, the air component of troops also carried out several air strikes around Dumburum forest, which has led to the rescue of 80 abductees. The abductees consisted of men,

women and children from communities in Zamfara State".

The statement also confirmed that the troops redoubled efforts of the military activities which led to the tremendous successes leading to the recovery of weapons, ammunitions and rustled cattles.

It also revealed that it is important to observe that these successes were achieved at a price, where a total of six soldiers lost their lives in the process along Bini Maru

Local Government Area while returning to base after a long range patrol.

The Force Commander commiserated with the families of the fallen heroes. It is also our prayer that their sacrifices and quest for peace in Zamfara State will not be in vain.

The Force Commander reminded the men of Operation SHARAN DAJI to remain resolute to the mandate of tackling the menace of armed banditry in Zamfara State.

