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Troops Rescue 21 Kidnapped Victims In Zamfara, Niger, Recover Arms, Ammunition

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FILE PHOTO: Goc 6 Division, Port Harcourt, Major-General Kasimu Abdulkarim (arrowed), presenting arms and ammunition recovered during the “Cleanup Operation” on cultists and militant camps in Omoku Community, Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area of Rivers State on Sunday. PHOTO: NAN

Nigerian Troops have rescued 21 kidnapped victims at different operations carried out in fresh assaults launched against insurgents in Zamfara and Niger States respectively.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen in Abuja on Sunday by the Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Defence Headquarters, Major General John Enenche.

The statement indicated that the first operation was carried out by the Troop of Operation HADARIN DAJI in Zamfara State in a ground and air operation closed up on bandits in a subsidiary operation called Operation CHINGABA along Maru-Dansadau axis.



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According to the statement, during the operation, 9 bandits were neutralized, while 10 men, 4 women and 4 minors who were kidnapped by the bandits were rescued.

It added that in a similar development, following credible information, troops on Saturday in a sting operation at Isah Road close to Sarwa Village in Isah Local Government Area of Sokoto State arrested a gun runner known as Alhaji at the point of collection his men in ambush opened fire on troops and was neutralized while his men fled with various degrees of gunshot wounds.

The Troops reportedly recovered One GPMG PKT, 140 rounds of 12.7mm, 53 blank ammunition and One motorcycle from the bandits

According to the statement, in the same vein on the same day, troops of FOB Dangulbi and Dansadau at a blocking force at Gobirawa made contact with bandits forcing them to withdraw in disarray.

Consequently, troops pursued and neutralized one bandit, recovered one AK 47 rifle, three 7.62mm special ammunition, water jet explosives, 2 inches Det 33 cable for IED and One motorcycle.

It further added that following the sustained action on the bandits in Mutunj and Dansadau in Maru LGA over the weekend, the Village Head of Mutumji handed over one AK 47 rifle captured from bandits to troops at FOB Dansadau.

In another operation, Troops of 31 Artillery Brigade on Saturday while on Mop-up operation to clear bandits at Dogon Gona Forest general area of Niger State rescued 7 kidnapped victims.

According to the statement, “the victims who were abandoned by the bandits after fierce battle encounter were said to have been kidnapped in March and taken to an unknown destination.

“Following an interrogation after a successful rescue operation, the Village Head of Madaki confirmed that the victims were natives of Roro Village of Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State”.

Also, it added that in a related development, Troops of 31 Artillery Brigade on the same day at Kontokoro Village while on clearance operation engaged bandits in a gun duel while the operation led to the neutralization of several bandits and some escaped with gunshot wounds.

The Armed Forces of Nigeria promised to continue to solicit for timely and credible information for the enhancement of its operations, the statement assured.

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