

Troops raid bandits' hideout in Benue, kill one, recover arms

THE Defence Headquarters says troops of **Operation Whirl Stroke** on June 20 conducted a raid on suspected bandits' hideout at Ginde in Guma Local Government Area (LGA) of Benue State.

According to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)**, the coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Major-General John Enenche, in a statement on Sunday said the troops,

operating under **Operation Accord**, acted following reports of bandits' activities in the area.

Enenche said that the bandits fled as troops closed in on them, adding that one bandit was neutralised while others escaped with gunshot wounds after a hot pursuit.

He disclosed that items including one Galil rifle, one Galil magazine, 13 X 7.5mm

ammunition, one motorcycle, one woodland camouflage shirt, some quantities of hemp and assorted charms were recovered.

According to him, the camp was subsequently destroyed.

Enenche further disclosed that troops deployed at Tunga also arrested two suspects, Yahuza Danlami and Danladi Baushe, who were linked to the kidnap of a local teacher

at Foga LGA of the state.

Major-General Enenche also said the Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation Lafiya Dole has launched air strikes on terrorists' locations at Bula Bello and Ngoske on the fringes of the Sambisa Forest in Borno.

He said the air strikes destroyed Boko Haram terrorists' facilities and killed several fighters.