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Troops kill 2, arrest Nigerien gunrunner, rescue 5 kidnapped victims in N'West

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TROOPS of *Operation Sahel Sanity* have killed two suspected bandits and arrested five others, including a notorious gunrunner from the Niger Republic, just as they also rescued five kidnapped victims in Zamfara and Katsina states.

Addressing newsmen on Monday at the Faskari Army Super Camp 4, the acting director, Defence Media Operations (DMO), Brigadier-General Bernard Onyeuko, said that the troops, acting on credible intelligence, arrested the gunrunner, Musa Abubakar alias Kasko/Buzu, who is from Mai Wake village in Dakoro area of Maradi in Niger Republic.

Brigadier-General Onyeuko said: "The suspect was arrested at the premises of a school in Gusau, Zamfara State, where his relative works as a security guard.

"He was also believed to be involved in the supply of illicit arms from Niger Republic to Nigeria through Sabon Birni in Sokoto State."

According to Brigadier-General Onyeuko, "on July 25, troops deployed at Sabuwa area received a distress call on kidnap activities in the town and they mobilised to the area."

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