

Troops kill 4 bandits in Kaduna, sustain onslaught against terrorists

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DEFENCE Headquarters (DHQ) on Thursday disclosed that troops of Operation Accord killed four bandits at Jeka Da Rabi area along the Kaduna-Abuja expressway in continuation of ongoing efforts by the Armed Forces to end insurgents' activities in the country.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen in Abuja by the coordinator, Defence Media Operations (DMO), Ma-

jor-General John Enenche.

Major-General Enenche said the operation took place on Wednesday following credible intelligence on the movement of bandits from Kachia area, just as troops quickly mobilised to the area and laid ambush for the suspects.

The DMO spokesperson added that the troops made contact with the bandits and engaged them with superior firepower, thereby, neutralising four, while others escaped with gunshot wounds.

He said the troops also re-

covered one AK-47 rifle and five rounds of 9mm ammunition with a magazine.

"Presently, the troops have continued to dominate the general area with aggressive patrols in search of the fleeing bandits," Major-General Enenche said.

Meanwhile, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lieutenant-General Tukur Yusuf Buratai, has assured that the Nigerian Army is determined to end all forms of criminality in the country as the war against terrorism has been intensified.

Buratai then called on the people, particularly those mostly affected by the insurgency to partner with the army towards achieving the goal so that normalcy could return to all parts of the country.

Lieutenant-General Buratai, who paid a courtesy visit on the Gombe State governor, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya at the Government House, Gombe, on Thursday said the war against insurgency and banditry could only be won when there is collaboration from everyone.