

Troops kill 2 bandits on Abuja/Kaduna expressway

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THE Defence Headquarters (DHQ), on Monday said that in continuation of aggressive clearance operations to stamp out banditry and other sundry crimes in the country, troops of Operation Thunder Strike have neutralised two terrorists while others escaped with gunshot

wounds along the Abuja/Kaduna expressway.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen in Abuja by the coordinator, Defence Media Operations (DMO), Major-General John Enenche.

Major-General Enenche explained that the operation was executed on Sunday by the troops at Rijana, who

acted on credible intelligence on the movement of some suspected bandits towards the Abuja-Kaduna expressway,

He said that the troops were swiftly mobilised to the scene and laid ambush along the suspected bandits' route.

According to him, contact was made and the troops overwhelmed the bandits

with superior firepower, thereby, killing two bandits, while others escaped with gunshot wounds.

He said that in the course of the encounter, two locally-made guns were recovered, while the troops have continued to dominate the area with aggressive patrols to deny bandits freedom of action.