

Weapons recovered from bandits by troops in Zamfara State over the weekend

## Troops kill several bandits, rescue kidnapped victims in Zamfara

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THE Defence Headquarters (DHQ), on Monday, said that troops of Operation Accord, over the weekend, neutralised two bandits and recovered two AK-47 rifles while on covert operation at Galadi village in Shinkafi Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

The was coordinator 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 troops, during clearance operation at Sabon Tunga and Tamuske villages, also neutralised several bandits and rescued three kidnap victims.

According to him, the troops, supported by Nigerian

Air Force helicopter gunships, bombarded the bandits' enclaves at Dutsen Emai area.

He added that in another development, troops, while on routine patrol at Gobi-rawa village, made contact with bandits during which six bandits were neutralized, while four AK-47 rifles, three dane guns and two motor-cycles were recovered.

The DMO spokesperson

further explained that in the same vein, following credible intelligence on activities of illegal miners at Kadauri general area in Maru Local Government Area of the state, troops swiftly mobilised to the scene and apprehended 11 suspected illegal miners.

He said the suspects had been handed over to the appropriate prosecuting authority for further action.