

Troops kill 2 bandits, recover firearms in Nasarawa

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THE Defence Headquarters (DHQ) on Thursday said that troops of Operation Whirl Stroke and 177 Battalion on Wednesday killed two bandits in their den at Angwan Mada, close to Tunga in Nasarawa Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen on Thursday in Abuja by the Coordinator, Defense Media Operations (DMO), Major-General John Enenche, in updating defence correspondents on military operations to end insurgency activities in the country.

Major-General Enenche explained that the feat was achieved when the troops coordinated a dawn raid on a major bandits and kidnapers' hideout in the area following an actionable technical and human intelligence

on the location of the camp in the general area.

Enenche stated that the troops adopted an aggressive posture and tactfully assaulted the hideout, taking the bandits by surprise.

He said two bandits were killed, while 20 locally-made rifles and ammunition were recovered.

"The gallant troops overwhelmed the bandits with effective fire and neutralised two of them responsible for kidnappings and other crimes in the general area, while others fled in disarray with fatal gunshot wounds.

"A follow-up exploitation of the camp and environs further resulted in the recovery of a total of 20 locally-made rifles, 40 empty cases of 7.62mm special ammunition and five rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition and the troops thereafter destroyed the camp," Enenche said.