

# Troops kill 2 members of Gana's gang in Benue

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THE Defence Headquarters (DHQ) on Sunday said that in continuation of the efforts of the nation's security forces to end banditry and other criminal activities in the North-Central zone of the country, troops of Operation Whirl Stroke have neutralised two armed bandits belonging to the late Gana's gang, just as they also arrested one other after a raid on their hideout in Benue State.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen in Abuja by the Coordinator, Defence Media Operations (DMO), Major-General John Enenche, who stated that the operation was to further sustain both kinetic and non-kinetic operations in the zone, targeted at stamping out insurgent activities in the country.

Major-General Enenche explained that on December 16, troops of Operation Whirl Stroke, acting on credible intelligence on

identified hideout of some of the late Gana's militia gang in parts of Katsina-Ala Local Government Area of Benue State, conducted a dawn raid on the location.

According to him, "the troops made contact and engaged the criminals at Adangbe village in Mbacher Council Ward of the local government area.

He stated that consequently, the superior firepower of the troops forced the armed bandits to flee in disarray.

He, however, added that as the troops engaged the criminals in a hot pursuit, two of them were neutralised, while another was arrested by the gallant troops.

He further explained that during the encounter, three locally-made rifles, 121 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, as well as other items, including a motorcycle, were recovered by the troops.

He said that the arrested gang member had been handed over to the police for further action.

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