

Troops rescue 10 kidnap victims, kill, arrest bandits in Katsina, Zamfara

THE Defence Headquarters has said that troops of *Operation Hadarin Daji* have rescued 10 kidnapped victims from bandits, eliminated one of the bandits and arrested one in Katsina and Zamfara states.

The Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Major-General John Enenche, who made this disclosure in a statement on Friday, said the operations were conducted on Thursday at different locations.

He said the troops, on Thursday, encountered the bandits while on a routine patrol around Gidan Dan Nunu and Dutsi villages in Zurmi Local Government Area (LGA) of Zamfara.

He said the troops successfully rescued seven victims during the encounter.

He also disclosed that troops of Forward Operating Base, Dangulbi, arrested one Zayanu Abdullahi from Shinkafi district with a huge amount of money while on stop-and-

search patrol.

According to him, preliminary investigation revealed that the suspect was involved in buying stolen cows from bandits.

"Further investigation revealed that the suspect has been a collaborator with bandits. The suspect is in custody for further action.

"The gallant troops acting on credible intelligence that bandits were operating in Kimbi-sawa village of Batsari LGA of Katsina State swiftly mobilised to the village and rescued two women and a child kidnapped by the bandits.

"Rescued victims were immediately reunited with their families," he said.

Enenche further disclosed that troops, on the same day, eliminated one bandit in an ambush while on routine patrol on Batsari-Jibia Road.

"One bandit was neutralised, while others escaped with gunshot wounds," he said.