

① Troops kill five bandits, recover grenade launcher, magazines, cattle in Zamfara

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TROOPS of the joint Task Force (JTF), Operation Had-arin Daji (OPHD) North-West have killed five bandits and recovered AK-47 automatic grenade launcher, two magazines and large number of cattle in Zamfara State.

A source disclosed on Wednesday in Gusau, the state capital, that the troops have recorded successes against bandits in the state.

The source said: "The troops, while on their rou-

tine patrol at Bakura general areas of Zamfara, had credible intelligence on bandits' movement with large number of cattle.

"Troops swiftly mobilised to their routes and engaged them in a gun battle before Galadimai village in Damri district of Bakura Local Government Area.

"After the encounter, three bandits were neutralized, while others fled with several gunshot wounds and abandoned the rustled animals.

"The items recovered during exploitation include one AK-47 rifle with quantity of 7.62 mm special ammunition and five motorcycles.

"The troops have continued to trail the bandits through their withdrawal routes in the state."

The source further revealed that troops, while on patrol along Magami community of Dan Sarah area, responded to a distress call on the kidnap of six persons by bandits at Magami.

"The troops immediately moved to the scene and on sighting the approach of the troops, the bandits opened fire on them in an attempt to flee with the victims.

"Due to superior fire power of the troops, some of the kidnapped victims were rescued while others fled for safety as search efforts are currently ongoing to find the remaining victims."

According to the source, two bandits were killed during the encounter.