

# Troops kill 2 bandits, vow to destroy all enclaves

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Troops of the Joint Task Force Northwest Operation Hadarin Daji (OPHD) have killed 2 bandits and rescued 2 victims as they vow to destroy more bandits' enclaves in their Area of Operational Responsibilities.

A close source told Nigerian Tribune on Tuesday in Gusau that the operation aims to clear its Areas of Responsibility (AOR) in the Northwest of banditry, kidnapping, and other sundry crimes, as well as to ensure farming and other economic activities thrive in the region.

"On the 30th – 31st July 2023, troops of Sector 2 Combat Team 3 of Operation Hadarin Daji deployed in Katsina State, in conjunction with the Nigerian Police Dandume, responded to information that bandits had kidnapped 2 persons in their farmlands along Tankari village in Dandume LGA of Katsina State.

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The troops responded swiftly to the farmland and engaged the bandits in a gun duel, which forced the bandits to abandon the kidnapped victims and flee.

"The kidnapped victims were rescued and reunited with their family members in Dandume Town."

“Relatedly, acting on an intelligent report on armed bandit activities in Kinfau Kirtawa, Ilallah general area in Batsari LGA of Katsina State, troops of Sector 2 Team 9 of OPHD conducted an offensive operation within the area and made contact with the armed bandits.”

“During the encounter, 2 bandits were neutralized while others escaped with gunshot wounds.”

In pursuit of the fleeing bandits, troops captured one motorcycle while maintaining an aggressive posture in the area to deny the bandits freedom of action.

“Also, troops of Operation Hadarin Daji deployed at Sector 3 Forward Operating Base Marnona in Sokoto State conducted an offensive operation, during which bandit hideouts were identified and destroyed at Giyawa, Kafarama, Danwaru, Boyekei, Kagara, Aisa, Kwargaba, and Lugu villages of Wurno and Goronyo LGA of Sokoto State, respectively.”

“All identified bandit hideouts were destroyed as the bandits escaped due to the superior firepower of the troops. However, 5 operational motorcycles used by the bandits were captured during exploitation.”

“The troops of Sector 1 Team 10 of Operation Hadarin Daji in Zamfara and Kebbi States conducted a clearance operation and cleared bandit hideouts at Dan Makarwa, Tundun Wada, and Mairairai villages in Danko-wasagu LGA of Kebbi State as bandits continue to flee from their enclaves.”

The Commander Joint Task Force Northwest Operation Hadarin Daji, General Officer Commanding 8 Division Sokoto, Major General Godwin Mutkut, has continually commended the resilience and doggedness of the troops.

He further assured the people of the region that more bandits’ enclaves will be attacked and destroyed in his Area of Operational Responsibilities.