

# Troops kill three bandits, rescue six kidnap victims in Sokoto forest

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TROOPS of the Joint Task Force North West Operation Hadarin Daji (OPHD) have again killed three bandits and rescued six victims at the terrorists' enclave in a forest in Sokoto State.

The troops also recovered ammunition and other working tools of the bandits.

A military source disclosed to *Saturday Tribune* on Friday that the operation was part of the series of coordinated offensive operations in OPHD's areas of responsibility.

The source said: "The of-

fensive clearance operation took place on 14th December, 2023 at Bauni village and Bauni forest in the state led to a gun duel that lasted for several hours.

"However, the troops' aggressiveness and superior firepower forced the terrorists to abandon their hideouts and flee in disarray, leading to the rescue of six kidnapped victims while three terrorists were neutralised

"Two AK-47 rifles were recovered, as well as 19 magazines, ammunition, two Dane guns, motorcycles, radios (walkietalkies) and other items."