Troops kill 12 bandits in Zamfara

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TROOPS have killed 12 bandits in Zamfara, just as the Commanding Officer, 1 Brigade, Nigerian Army, Gusau and Sector 1, Operation Hadarin Daji (OPHD), Brigadier-General S. Ahmed, has urged the troops not to relent until normalcy is restored in the region.

During the onslaught on the bandits at some villages in Maru Local Government Area, the troops recovered arms and ammunition.

A statement issued on Sunday in Gusau by the Informa-

tion Officer, Operation Hadarin Daji, Lieutenant Suleiman Omale, said the Joint Task Force North-West has continued its offensive against extremists with a view to restoring normalcy in the region.

He said: "In the early hours of Friday, April 12, troops successfully dominated Babban Doka, Gobirawar Challi and Kabaro axis under Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State, engaging the terrorists in a heavy gun duel.

"During the operation, our brave troops from Dansadau

Forward Operating Base exhibited exceptional courage, overpowering the criminal elements and neutralising 12 terrorists, while others fled with gunshot wounds.

"In a subsequent mop-up patrol, the gallant troops recovered significant weapons and assets from the scene, including one AK-47 rifle, one magazine, two rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, one locally-made gun, one dane gun and 18 cows. "Additionally, 10 motorcycles belonging to the terrorists were recovered and destroyed on the spot."