

10 bandits killed as army, gunmen clash in Adamawa

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Troops of the Nigerian Army on a clearance operation have clashed with gun-wielding bandits in the Numan area of Adamawa State, during which 10 of the attackers were killed.

Our correspondent learnt that during the exchange of gun fire which lasted for one hour, one bandit, identified as Adamu Umar, was also arrested and handed over to the police for further investigation and prosecution.

According to the army, troops recovered several weapons during the encounter, including four guns and 13 rounds of ammunition.

It was learnt that the corpses of the 10 bandits were also handed over to the police, while troops continued the clearance operations.

The Director, Army Public Relations, Brig. Gen. Texas Chukwu, who confirmed the deaths and arrest, said the residents of Adamawa and other states in crisis must report suspicious activities to troops and other security agencies for prompt action.

He said, “Troops conducting a clearance operation in the Numan general area of Adamawa have neutralised 10 bandits following an encounter. Items recovered include: 18 motorcycles, two Dane guns, one submachine gun, one double-barrelled gun, four

cartridges, 13 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition and one cutlass.

“One of the bandits was captured during the operation. Preliminary investigation is ongoing while the suspect and the remains of the bandits have been handed over to the police.

“The public is hereby advised once again to always report any suspicious activities to the law enforcement agents for prompt action.”