10 bandits, soldier killed in Katsina gun fight

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TEN bandits and a soldier were killed during one of the fierce gun battles between troops of Operation Sahel Sanity based in Faskari, Katsina State.

The acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Brigadier General Bernard Onyeuko, made the revelation in a statement made available to journalists in Katsina on Tuesday.

He revealed that two other soldiers, who suffered minor injuries during the operations, were responding to treatment.

According to him, the troops also arrested two bandits' collaborators and recovered some weapons during the operations.

The Defence spokesman said the gallant soldier lost his life on Sunday when the troops deployed in Sabon Layi, clearing bandits' enclaves around Maigora general area in Faskari Local Government Area of the state, came in contact with the bandits at Unguwar Rimi, leading to a fierce gun battle.

He said, "On 10 January 2021, troops deployed at Sabon Layi, while clearing bandits' enclaves around Maigora general area in Faskari LGA of Katsina State, came in contact with bandits at Unguwar Rimi, leading to a fierce gun battle.

"The troops were swiftly reinforced by another team from Faskari and supported by Helicopter Gunship delivering a lethal blow to the criminals, thereby forcing the bandits to withdraw in disarray into the forest due to troop's superior fire power."

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