

Military, vigilantes kill eight bandits in gun battle

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At least eight corpses have been recovered after bandits attacked Angwan Bashar and another community in the Kanam Local Government Area of Plateau State on Monday.

The Military Information Officer, Operation Safe Haven, Plateau State, Major Ishaku Takwa, on Tuesday, confirmed that bandits attacked the two communities on Monday.

Takwa told *PUNCH Metro* in Jos that after the attacks, which were repelled by the troops in conjunction with vigilantes, the dead bodies of eight bandits were recovered by villagers.

The military official, who described the onslaught against the bandits in the two communities as successful, called on residents to always provide the military and other security agents with timely information to enable them to protect the people.

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One of the vigilantes who participated in the operation, Tasiu Ibrahim, said before the attacks, the bandits had given residents a notice to vacate the area.

Ibrahim said, “We got the quit notice last week Tuesday when the bandits said we must leave our village or they would kill all of us. We also learnt that a similar quit notice was served on other villages by the bandits.

“We don’t know where we are going to run to and everyone knows that those people do not make empty threats. But we thank God that they did not succeed when they eventually tried to carry out their threat to kill all of us. Instead, some of them died because we recovered about eight of their corpses after they attacked us.”

The Senator representing Plateau South, Prof. Nora Daduut, lamented the insecurity in some parts of Kanan and Wase LGAs and called on security operatives to come to the rescue of the people.