Five terrorists killed in Borno, Benue, Katsina

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ROOPS of the Nigerian Army in collaboration with hybrid forces have killed no fewer than three terrorists in operations conducted in Borno and Katsina.

This was as the police in Benue State said two bandits were

killed.

Also during the operations, rustled cattle and weapons were recovered from the terrorists.

A statement posted on X by the Nigerian Army on Wednesday said the troops and the hybrid forces engaged the terrorists in a gun duel and overpowered them.

"Nigerian Army troops deployed for counter-terrorism operations in the North East in conjunction with Hybrid

Forces, on

Wednesday, March26, 2024, neutralised one terrorist and recovered arms, ammunition, and rustled cattle during a clearance operation on identified Boko Haram/Islamic State of West Africa Province enclaves within the Gori general area in the Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State.

"In a fierce firefight, the troops successfully overpowered and, neutralised one terrorist, rescued several rustled cattle, and recovered arms and ammunition from the terrorists. The recovered arms included two AK-47 rifles, 38 rounds of 7.62 mm special ammunition, AK-47 magazines, one Improvised Explosive Device, and one motorcycle. In addition to killing two terrorists in Katsina, the troops recovered 25 rustled livestock. "In another operation in Katsina State, troops conducting offensive operations on terrorist camps neutralised two terrorists in the Garin Rinji general area in the Batsari Local

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Government Area following a gun battle.