

Troops recover 1,000 stolen cattle in Taraba

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In a decisive military operation, troops from the 6 Brigade of the Nigerian Army and Sector 3 of Operation Whirl Stroke, alongside personnel from Operation Safe Haven, have neutralised two armed bandits and recovered around 1,000 stolen cattle in Taraba and neighbouring Plateau State.

The operation, acting on credible intelligence, was launched after reports emerged that armed bandits, riding on approximately 30 motorcycles, had crossed from Plateau State into Taraba State. The gang had attacked a Fulani settlement near Jebjeb Village in Karim Lamido Local Government Area, rustling hundreds of cattle.

The joint military offensive, code-named Operation Lafiya Jama'a, aims to intensify efforts against armed criminal groups threatening the safety of residents across Taraba and surrounding regions.

Troops from 6 Brigade, in coordination with operatives of Operation Safe Haven stationed at Kampani area of Wase LGA, Plateau State, mobilised quickly and tracked the fleeing bandits to Komodoro village in Karim Lamido LGA. The bandits, who had retreated across the river into Daji Madam Forest in Plateau, engaged the troops in a fierce gun battle.

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According to Captain Olubodunde Oni, Acting Assistant Director of Army Public Relations, 6 Brigade, the troops neutralised two of the bandits and recovered approximately 1,000 cattle.

The livestock were safely returned to the Jebjeb community, where a verification process is ongoing to identify rightful owners.

Brigadier General Kingsley Chidiebere Uwa, Commander of 6 Brigade, lauded the swift inter-agency collaboration and reaffirmed the Army's resolve to sustain pressure on criminal gangs destabilising the region.