

# Troops kill 37 bandits, lose 6 soldiers in Zamfara

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**TROOPS** of Operation Sharan Daji (OPSD), fighting bandits in Zamfara State, have killed 37 bandits and arrested six during an operation in the state.

A statement by the acting force information officer, Major Clement Abiade, said the 37 bandits were killed during a simultaneous operation to decimate banditry in Zamfara and other contiguous states, by the troops of OPSD.

Abiade said during the raids six suspected bandits, informants, cattle rustlers, kidnappers and logistics suppliers were arrested.

He regretted that six soldiers paid the supreme price in the Bini Maru Local Government Area axis, while returning to base after a long-range patrol.

He further stated that the air component of OPSD also carried out several air strikes around Dumburum Forest.

"Subsequent mop-up operations in Dumburum Forest led to the rescue of 80 abductees. The abductees comprised men, women and children from communities in Zamfara State," he said.

Abiade averred that OPSD would remain resolute to the mandate of tackling the menace of banditry in Zamfara State.