

Soldiers kill 4 bandits terrorizing Benue, Taraba, arrest kidnap kingpin

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The Defence Headquarters said troops on internal security operations in Benue and Taraba States have killed four bandits and arrested a notorious kidnap leader terrorizing people of the area.

The troops from Operation WHIRL STROKE operating under Operation ACCORD, also recovered 2 locally made rifles, 55 rounds of 5.56mm ammunition, 117 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, 3 mobile phones, 3 AK 47 magazines, 2 motorcycles, one military shirt uniform, one Peace Corps ID Card belonging to one Mr Anyor Fidelis and some charms.

Coordinator Defence Media Operations Major General John Enenche, made this known in a statement.

“Troops of Operation WHIRL STROKE operating under Operation ACCORD deployed at Gbise in Katsina Ala LGA in Benue State and Sector 4 in Taraba State conducted a joint commando raid operation in the early hours of 29 June 2020 at Rafin Kada in Wukari LGA and Yojaa in Donga LGA of Taraba State. The troops came in contact with suspected Tiv militias at Che Jukun village. The armed militia opened fire on sighting the troops who responded with superior firepower thereby neutralizing 4 of them in the process while unconfirmed number escaped with gunshot wounds. Items recovered include; 2 locally made rifles, 55 rounds of 5.56mm ammunition, 117 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, 3 mobile phones, 3 AK 47 magazines, 2 motorcycles, one military shirt uniform, one Peace Corps ID Card belonging to one Mr Anyor Fidelis and some charms.

“In another development, troops responded to a distress call from Zaki Biam on the activities of a notorious kidnap kingpin by name Kobo Ishor (aka “Lesser”) an associate of late Orjundu. He was apprehended and currently undergoing interrogation, to be handed over to the Nigerian Police afterwards for prosecution.

“The High Command of the Armed Forces of Nigeria congratulates the gallant troops of Operation WHIRL STROKE for their dexterity and professionalism and encourages them to remain resolute in curtailing the activities of criminals in the North Central Zone of the Country.”