

Troops neutralise 3 notorious militias in Benue

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THE troops of the joint military spike operation, codenamed Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS), has neutralised three notorious armed militia loyal to the slain militia warlord, Terwase Akwaza, alias Gana.

The suspected armed militias were killed in two separate military operations in Katsina-Ala and Ukum Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Benue State, on Thursday and Friday, last week.

Sources from the areas told newsmen that the breakthrough had caused serious jubilation in both Ukum and Katsina-Ala, as youths took to the streets to celebrate the killing of the dare devil militias.

Confirming the report, Public Relations Officer of OPWS, Flying Officer Audu Katty, gave the names of the armed militias as Iortyom Wuave, aka JANTA, Terdoo Kiorga, aka APAAPA, and Orkulam Mom, aka ORBUTEE.

"The troops of Operation Whirl Stroke have continued to intensify the fight against criminal armed gangs and banditry in its operation area. The renewed intensity has resulted in the destruction of many bandits camps in the past few days.

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