

Soldiers kill notorious bandit, arrest 10 others, recover weapons in Kaduna, Plateau

THE Defence Media Operations (DMO) said soldiers on internal security operations in Plateau State have killed a notorious bandit and kidnapper kingpin at Kan Duniya Village, in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Troops also rescued three kidnapped victims and recovered several weapons and logistics from the criminals.

Director, DMO, Major General Bernard Onyeuko, who made the disclosure in a statement, yesterday, said troops arrested 10 armed robbery suspects at Kafanchan Town, Jema'a Local Government Area Kaduna State.

He said the soldiers, working in conjunction with vigilance groups, recorded the feat while on clearance operations in various parts of Plateau and Kaduna states.

The statement reads: "Troops of Operation Safe Haven, in a sustained effort to eliminate criminal elements in their area of operation, on June 28, 2022, based on credible intelligence, conducted a clearance operation, in conjunction with vigilantes, at Kan Duniya Village, Barkin Ladi Local Government Area, Plateau State, neutralised notorious bandit and kidnapper.

"Similarly, on the same day, troops on fighting patrol sighted two suspected kidnappers around Sara High Ground Mangu Local Government Area, Plateau State, on a motorcycle.

"Suspects abandoned their motorcycle on sighting troops and fled. Troops exploited the area and recovered two AK47 rifles, 101 rounds of 7.62mm

special, five magazines, one motorcycle, one iron digger and two black jackets, amongst others.

"Furthermore, on June 28, 2022, based on intelligence, troops conducted a cordon search operation at Fanock Village, Jema'a Local Government Area, Kaduna state, and found a Toyota Corolla car with registration number Abu-

ja KUJ 452 AZ with no occupant. Troops conducted search operations in the surrounding bush and rescued three kidnapped civilians; two females and a male.

"Additionally, the same day, troops arrested 10 armed robbery suspects at Kafanchan town, Jema'a local government area, Kaduna state.

The arrested suspects in-

clude Messrs Manga Ismail, 22 years; Idris Haruna (Ban Sambo), 20 years; Sani Bali, 19 years; Shamsudeen Ladan, 25 years; Abdulmajid Yau (Sele), 22 years; Abubakar Hassan, 23 years; Abbas Aliyu, 15 years; Mohammed Umar (Jazuli), 17 years; Jonathan Vincent (Bama), 19 years, and Stephen Joseph, 25 years.

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Army recalls retired personnel to fight Boko Haram, others

From **Gyang Bere, Jos**

THE Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant Gen. Faruk Yahaya, has urged serving and retired military officers to work in collaboration to win the war against Boko Haram, banditry and kidnapping in the country.

Gen. Faruk made the disclosure in Jos, on Tuesday, during the regimental dinner for the year 2021 retired officers colonel and below in 3 Division Area of responsibility, held at the 3 Division of the Nigerian Army, Rukuba Jos, Plateau State.

Represented by the General Officer Commanding 3 Division, Major Gen. Ibrahim Ali urged the retired personnel to take advantage of the welfare

and medical facility provided by the Nigerian Army to access medical treatment, in order to provide more valuable services for the nation.

"I must commend you all for the remarkable achievements you made while in active service to the nation through the Army. I wish to also assure you that the Nigerian Army remains grateful for the services you have rendered in defence of our fatherland.

"This celebration should also be taken as an avenue to thank the Almighty God for the grace given to you to render distinguished and meritorious services to our nation, in the quest to restore peace and harmony to our beloved country.

"I urged you all never to rest on your oars, even in retire-

ment, until this war is brought to an end in favour of the Armed Forces and, by extension, our nation."

Faruk intimated the retired personnel of the efforts being made by the army to re-engage the services of qualified retired/discharged personnel, to draw more from their wealth of priceless experience and professionalism in the interest of peace and harmony in the country.

He assured that the expertise of the retired personnel was highly needed to enhance the fighting efficiency of the army in the ongoing numerous operations across the country.

"The army is still open to your valuable contributions towards attaining the consti-

tutional mandate and would always welcome your support in that regard."

Former General Officer Commanding 3 Division and ex-Commander of the Special Task Force, Major. Gen. Hassan Umoru, who was the special guest of honour, commended the retired personnel for contributing meaningfully for the peace of the nation.

Gen. Umoru urged them to always be conscious of their health and contribute their quota to the advancement of peace and unity anywhere they found themselves.

The Chief of Army Staff had earlier held a valedictory Buffet in honour of discharged soldiers in 3 Division Area of responsibility.