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Troops kill 94, arrest 101 terrorists, logistics suppliers, fake NIN officers

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THE Defence Headquarters said its troops have eliminated more than 101 terrorists and bandits in various operations in the North West and North Central in the last two weeks.

The Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. Musa Danmadami, who made the disclosure yesterday, in Abuja, at the bi-weekly news briefing on the operations of the armed forces, said the soldiers also arrested two suspected fake National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) officials, who had visited the Gagamari IDP camp in Niger Republic, to register non-Nigerians in the camp.

He listed items recovered from the fake NIN staffs to include National Identification Number (NIN) registration machine, printing machine, laminating machine, one computer tracking machine and one generator set, among others. Danmadami further disclosed that two notorious bandits, Kabiru Mania and Abubakar, surrendered to troops alongside some of their foot soldiers at Shinkafi Local Government Area of Zamfara, during the period.

He said the surrendered bandits were responsible for series of kidnapping and robbery incidents, as well as terrorist activities in Zamfara and part of Katsina State in the past. He further disclosed that four AK-47 rifles, two hand grenades, 19 rounds of 7.62mm NATO belted, 61 rounds of 7.62mm special, 13 links of 7.62mm NATO, 10 rounds of 5.86mm ammunition, four bandolier, three canisters, eight magazines, among other items were recovered from them.

The defence spokesman said the troops also raided the camp of a notorious bandits' leader at Gando forest in Bukkuyum Local Government Area of Zamfara on October 18, and recovered rustled livestock.

Danmadami added that troops also neutralised 10 terrorists and arrested seven suspected terrorists collaborators in other operations during the period, while 32 civilians were rescued. He said an air interdiction operation was carried out on terrorists enclave, Maudu Maudi, at Tsora hill in Salfana Local Government Area of Katsina State on October 11.

"Feedback revealed that over 14 terrorists were neutralised in the air bombardment, while others survived the strike with injuries."

The defence spokesman added that another air bombardment carried out on October 14, neutralised over 30 terrorists and destroyed their armoury. He said the air attack

followed an intelligence report of bandits' plan to converge on the residence of a notorious bandits' leader, Lawali Gudau, aka Dogo Damina, for a ceremony at Koli village in Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara.

In North Central, Danmadami said the troops of Operation Safe Haven neutralised seven criminals, arrested 40 suspects and rescued 28 civilians in different operations in Plateau and Kaduna states.

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Lagos-Ibadan Expressway tanker explosion claims 10 lives

From **Lalide Raheem**,
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TEN people were confirmed dead in a tanker explosion which occurred at Araromi town, near the Sagamu Interchange on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway yesterday morning. The Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ogun State, Mr Ahmed Umar, confirmed the incident to newsmen in Abeokuta, the state capital, yesterday. He noted that the accident occurred around the Conoil Filling Station in Araromi, on the expressway.

The sector commander said five vehicles were also involved in the incident. He noted that the victims of the accidents were burnt beyond recognition.

The vehicles involved in the accident are: a Mack truck marked AKL 198 ZT, an Iveco truck with registration num-

ber, a Mazda bus marked, FFE 361 XB, an unmarked Howo truck and the tanker. He attributed the cause of the accident to excessive speed on the part of the Iveco truck.

He said the driver of the Iveco truck, which was travelling at top speed, lost control and rammed into the tanker which resulted in the fire outbreak due to leakage. He said that the Mazda bus was engulfed by the fire, adding that all those who died were in the bus.

"The suspected cause of the multiple crash was excessive speed which led to loss of control on the part of the Iveco truck and smashed the tanker body, which resulted in a fire outbreak due to leakage. The Mazda bus got engulfed in the spark of the fire," he said.

He added that the deceased were taken to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH), Sagamu. (Continued on www.sunnewsonline.com)

Notice for Extension of date for Bid Submission at High Commission of India Abuja

Extension of date for submission of Tender documents for Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for cleaning and general housekeeping of Chancery-cum-Residential complex at 364 Cadastral Zone, Central Business District, FCT, Abuja and at the Embassy Residence, Maitama, Abuja

The last date of submission of tender documents for the above AMC has been extended upto 26 October 2022, 1700 hours.

Other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged. Details of the Tender may be seen at the Mission's website www.hciabuja.gov.in in the Sections 'What's New' and 'Tender'.