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Soldiers kill 3 bandits, arrest 1, recover weapons in Katsina, Zamfara

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THE Defence Media Operations (DMO) said soldiers on anti-banditry operations in Zamfara State have killed three bandits, recovered weapons and arrested one.

The Director, DMO, Major General Musa Danmadami, who made the disclosure, in a statement, said the soldiers from Operation Hadarin Daji destroyed several bandits enclaves in an offensive operation that left most of the bandits escaping with gunshot wounds and while several stolen animals were recovered.

Danmadami said: "In the early hours of April 8, 2023, troops of Operation Hadarin Daji conducted offensive operations to the hideout of

some bandits' kingpins at the Yartasha and Chabi villages in Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State. Troops made contact with the kingpins and their foot soldiers, and in an attempt to escape, troops neutralised two bandits, arrested one, while others fled.

In another development, on the same day troops conducted ambush operations on bandits conveying large quantities of rustled animals at Dan Marke village in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State. Troops in ambush positions neutralised one bandit, while others fled with gunshot injuries. Troops recovered two AK 47 rifles, 150 rustled cattle and 40 rustled sheep, amongst other items.

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