

Troops in gun duel with bandits, kill 1, arrest 23, seize arms in Taraba

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TROOPS of 6 Brigade, Nigerian Army in collaboration with Sector 3 Operation Whirl Stroke OPWS has killed one bandit and arrested 23 others in Karim local government area of Taraba State.

Captain Olubodunde Oni, acting Assistant Director, 6 Brigade Public Relations, in a statement in Jalingo, yesterday, said the troops also recovered a large cache of arms and ammunition in the operation.

"In a decisive operation against criminal elements, troops of 6 Brigade Nigerian Army and Sector 3 Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS) have successfully cracked down on a notorious bandit camp on February 2, 2025, in Angwan Bala, Kambari general area of Karim Lamido LGA, Taraba State.

"Acting on credible intelligence regarding the movement of suspected bandits, the gallant troops conducted a fighting patrol to the identified hideout. On sighting the patrol team, the bandits opened fire, prompting an immediate and overwhelming response from the troops. In the ensuing firefight, one bandit was neutral-

ized, while 23 others including 19 males and 4 females surrendered without further resistance.

"A comprehensive search of the camp led to the recovery of a significant cache of arms and ammunition, including, 4 AK-47 rifles, 5 AK-47 rifle magazines, 80 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, 1 English made pistol, 2 locally made guns, 28 cutlasses, 16 motorcycles, 48 daggers and jack knives.

"Preliminary investigations revealed that the bandits, originally from Plateau State, had paid a local chief in Amar village the sum of 1,500,000 to acquire and establish their camp in the

area.

"Speaking on the successful operation, the Commander 6 Brigade Nigerian Army, Brigadier General Kingsley Chidiebere Uwa, reaffirmed the Brigade's unwavering commitment to the security and stability of Taraba State and its environs.

"This operation is a testament to our resolve to eliminate criminal elements, restore lasting peace, and ensure that Taraba State does not become a safe haven for terrorists. We will continue to work tirelessly with relevant stakeholders to sustain the fight against insecurity" the statement reads.

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