

## Troops kill 26 suspected bandits in Katsina, Zamfara

---

March 22, 2020 Emmanuel Onani ABUJA

In continuation of efforts at ridding the North West of criminal elements, troops of Operation Hadarin Daji have killed 26 suspected bandits in Katsina and Zamfara States.

The fighting troops also rescued some kidnap victims, even as they recovered 80 livestock rustled by the suspected criminals.

Acting

Director, Defence Media Operations (DDMO) Defence Headquarters, Abuja, Brig-Gen. Benard Onyeuko, who made this known in a statement on Saturday, said the operation followed credible intelligence of activities of the bandits in Bindim and Koli towns of Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State, as well as Gurbin Magarya, Kwari and Garin Gado villages, Jibia Local Government Area, Katsina State.

“The successful operation led to the recovery of 17 Rounds of 7.62 mm of AK 47 and 1 Motor Cycle”, the DDMO said.

He further noted: “Troops of Operation Hadarin Daji while on patrol at Gando, rescued seven males and two females kidnapped by bandits. The victims have reunited with their families.

“The troops recovered about 42 cattle and 38 sheep. They are currently dominating the area with patrols which has helped to build confidence of locals.

“Troops of

Operation of Hadarin Daji on 19 March 2020 responded to a distress call on the movement of bandits with rustled animals within Gurbin Magarya, Kwari and Garin Gado villages of Jibia Local Government Area of Katsina State.

“In the course of operation, 24 bandits were killed in action, 4 AK 47 rifles, 2 locally made pistols and 3 Dane guns were recovered”.

He assured the public of the commitment of the Armed Forces of Nigeria (AFN) to the protection of lives and property, while soliciting continuous support from the public in aid of ongoing operations.