

Troops neutralise 3 bandits in Benue, rescue kidnap victim

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② **T**roops of Sub-Sector 2 of the Operation Whirl-Stroke (OPWS) covering Benue, Nasarawa and Taraba states have neutralised three bandits that have been terrorising residents of Zaki-Biam in Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State.

The bandits were killed on Tuesday when the military forces got wind of their deadly operation that saw the kidnapping of an Igbo man, identified as Omemma Chimobi in Zaki-Biam town.

New Telegraph gathered that the terrorists were led in the operation by one Ordue Kanga alias Ordada.

Luck however, ran out of them as the troops, in a tip off, swiftly launched a manhunt for the bandits as they were desperately looking for escape routes and neutralised them by their superior fire power.

Governor Samuel Ortom's Security Adviser, Col. Paul Hembra (rtd) who confirmed the attack in a text message said, the troops also rescued the kidnapped victim (Chimobi) and recovered dangerous weapons.

"On May 24, 22 at about 1530hrs, one Ordue Kanga aka Ordada and gang kidnapped one Omemma Chimobi Igbo by tribe in Zaki-Biam town.

"On a tip off information, troops of sub-sector 2 Zaki Biam trailed the bandits through yam market road as they were looking for escape routes.

"On sighting troops, the bandits opened fire from inside the red Toyota Corolla wagon but troops returned superior fire power and neutralise three of the bandits.

"Kidnapped victim Omemma Chimobi was rescued in the vehicle.

"Items recovered are one Ak47 rifle, three magazines loaded, one Toyota Corolla wagon, one desert camouflage, one woodland camouflage and handsets," Ikyur explained.