

Troops kill dismissed police constabulary, 2 other bandits

Troops have killed three bandits believed to be among those terrorising the Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The Media Information Officer of Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) Captain Oya James, who revealed this in a statement on yesterday, said they recovered arms and ammunition from the hoodlums.

He said troops responding to a distress call on Wednesday ambushed the gangsters along the Mangun-Pushit-Mangu road.

James said: "Troops professionally and decisively cleared the ambush neutralizing three of the bandits in the process and recovered three AK-47 rifles, 14 rounds of 7.62 Special rounds, one motorcycle and a Constabulary Police ID card while others escaped with gunshot wounds."

The General Officer Com-

manding 3 Armoured Division Major General AE Abubakar said the Nigerian Army is focused on protection of life and property, adding that with the re-deployment of his headquarters to Mangu LGA, all distress calls would be responded to promptly as several Combat Teams have been dispatched to remote areas in the area for enhanced rapid response.

Meanwhile, the police said one of the bandits killed was a dismissed member of the Police Constabulary.

Spokesman DSP Alfred Alabo gave the name of the bandit as Katzing Zwalnan Zingfa, who was dismissed a year ago and declared wanted.

Alabo said in a statement on Thursday that Zingfa was among the three bandits who attempted to ambush troops along the Mangun-Pushit-Mangu road, but were eliminated by the gallant soldiers.