

# Troops Rescue 34 Kidnap Victims in Benue

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Military authorities said troops of Operation Whirl Stroke yesterday raided a den of kidnapers in Tomayin Village in Logo Area Council of Benue State after a fierce exchange of fire with the hoodlums, leading to the rescue of 34 Kidnap victims.

An update issued by the Directorate of Defence Media Operations (DDMO), said the encounter followed credible intelligence on the activities of a notorious kidnap syndicate operating in the general area of Igbom Village in Nenzev council ward of Logo Area Council.

It said troops of Sector 2 and 4, on 16 July 2020 carried out a raid operation on a suspected kidnapers' den location at Tomayin Village in Logo LGA of Benue State.

"Troops had contact with the bandits leading to exchange of fire as troops closed in on the hideout. The gallant troops responded with superior fire forcing the armed bandits to flee in disarray into the bushes.

"The determined troops engaged the criminal elements in hot pursuit leading to the killing of one Zwa Ikyegh identified as the ring leader and others escaped with various degrees of gun shots wounds," it said.

The update signed by the Coordinator of the Directorate of Defence Media Operations (DDMO), Major General John Enenche, said the successful encounter led to the rescue of 32 kidnapped victims some of whom have been in captivity for over a month.