

Military Rescues 26 Kidnapped Victims, Kill Bandits in N'west Region

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Troops of Operation Sahel Sanity, the anti-banditry operation of the Nigerian Army, have rescued 26 kidnapped victims and neutralised many bandits in the North-west region of the country in its determination to eradicate banditry and other nefarious activities afflicting the zone.

The acting Director of Defence Media Operations, Brig. General Benard Onyeuko, in a statement made available to journalists yesterday at the Special Army Super Camp IV in Faskari, Katsina State, said the captives were rescued in Katsina, Zamfara and Kebbi States after intensified military operations.

According to him, "On October 6, 2020, troops deployed in Forward Operation Base Magami, while responding to a distressed call, rescued 23 kidnapped victims from fleeing bandits who abandoned the captives as the unrelenting troops were closing in on their hideout on Zauni-Jengebe road in Gusau Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the victims were kidnapped while on transit to Magami market from Gusau on a passenger bus. All the rescued victims were reunited with their families while efforts are still being intensified to track the criminal gang members."