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Abuja—NIGERIAN Army yesterday said its troops in training exercise code named “Exercise Harbin Kunama”, to mark the 2016 NADCEL, on patrol of the forests in Zamfara State, killed 11 armed bandits and cattle rustlers.

This came as a patrol team of 157 Task Force Battalion, 7 Brigade, killed a Boko Haram terrorists spy at Barwati village, Kukawa Local Government Area.

A statement from Army headquarters said: “Troops of 223 Battalion while on patrol encountered armed bandits at Madaka village, Maru Local Government Area in which they killed 9 armed bandits and recovered 3 AK-47 rifles, 2 AK-47 rifle magazines, 3 rounds of 7.62mm (Special) ammunition, 1 machete and 24



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motorcycles. Similarly, local vigilantes at 'Yargada village, Gusau Local Government Area apprehended a fleeing suspected armed bandit and handed him over to troops deployed at Magami.

"Another team also carried out raids on cattle rustlers and armed bandits' camps at Gidan Mai Jaja in Dansadau general area. Here, the rustlers and armed bandits fled on sighting the approaching troops abandoning 85 cows, 37 sheep and a donkey.

"Similarly, another patrol team also carried out a raid on armed bandits and cattle rustlers' camp at Gobirawan Kwacha where they killed 2 armed bandits and recovered a machete.

"Also, in a Boko Haram clearance operation, a patrol team of 157 Task Force Battalion, 7 Brigade, ambushed and killed a Boko Haram terrorist spy at Barwati village, Kukawa Local Government Area.

"The insurgent who was on reconnaissance mission to infiltrate the troops' position, was killed while trying to gain entry into military location. The team recovered 1 AK-47 rifle, 59 rounds of 7.62mm (Special) ammunition, one 40mm x 46mm BGL2 grenade, 1 bandolier and 3 AK-47 rifle magazines from him. Troops have intensified vigilance and a high level of alertness as they continued with efforts of clearing the remnants of the Boko Haram terrorists in their area of responsibility."