

Banditry: Troops kill 6 bandits, foil attempt to rustle cattle in Katsina, Zamfara

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ABUJA — The Defence Headquarters disclosed, yesterday, that troops deployed to the North-West, prosecuting the anti-banditry operations, on Monday and Tuesday, engaged armed bandits in Katsina and Zamfara states, killing six bandits and foiling attempt to rustle hundreds of cows.

Major General John Enenche, Coordinator, Defence Media Operations made this known in a statement.

He said: "In continuation of the operational mandate to stamp banditry and untoward activities out of North-West zone of the country, troops of *Operation Sahel Sanity* on July 14, 2020 neutralised six armed bandits.

"Acting on credible human intelligence, troops of *Operation Sahel Sanity* backed by helicopter gunship of the Air Component of *Operation Hadarin Daji* stormed the bandits' en-

clave at Komani Hills within Rukudawa general area of Zamfara State and made contact with the criminal elements.

"The gallant troops overwhelmed the bandits with superior firepower, killing six of them while others fled with grave gunshots wounds.

"One GPMG, one AK-47 rifle, one magazine and 34 motorcycles were recovered.

"Relatedly, troops of *Operation Sahel Sanity* on July 13, 2020 responded to a distress call on an attempt by armed bandits to rustle cows at Kasele village in Batsari LGA of Katsina State.

"As they swiftly mobilised to the scene, the bandits fled in disarray, thereby abandoning the animals.

"Afterwards, the gallant troops have maintained a presence in the village and normalcy restored.

"The Military High Command congratulates the gallant troops for their dexterity and encourages them to remain resolute and sustain the offensive in the North-West zone of the country."