

# Troops kill bandits, arrest 7 in attempt to attack villages in Zamfara

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**S**EVERAL bandits were killed while seven were apprehended by troops of Operation Hadarin Daji of the Nigerian Army at Kaura Namoda town in Zamfara State, Monday.

Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Major General John Enenche, in a statement, yesterday, said the bandits' logistics supplier was nabbed with 25 motorcycles.

He said: "Troops of Operation Hadarin Daji on December 14,

2020, successfully ambushed some marauding armed bandits around Magizawa, Kani, Zango, Tabanni and Nasamu villages of Kaura Namoda LGA of Zamfara State.

"The successful operation, which was conducted sequel to actionable intelligence on the movement of the bandits in the general area, resulted in the neutralisation of many of the criminals while several others fled with fatal gunshot wounds into the forest.

"Troops equally apprehended seven of the fleeing criminals while also recovering a magazine with 17 rounds of 7.62mm special

ammunition.

Logistics supplier nabbed  
"Furthermore, troops apprehended a suspected bandits' logistics supplier, named Adamu Abdullahi, attempting to convey 20 brand new motorcycles carefully concealed in a J5 bus to a suspected bandits camp.

"During preliminary investigation, the suspect and his conductor, one Tanimu Usman, confirmed that the consignment was to be delivered to a designated location in Jibia, Katsina State.

"Both suspects are undergoing

further investigation after which they will be handed over to the relevant prosecuting agency for further action.

"In a related development, four suspected bandits' collaborators— Ibrahim Dahiru, Umar Dahiru, Sani Suleiman and Isah Dahiru— from Raudama in Kamoani Daudawa village in Faskari LGA were intercepted at Raudama village with an unspecified number of suspected rustled cows.

"Although the suspects initially claimed to have recovered their cattle from suspected rustlers, preliminary investigation, however, revealed that the suspects were beneficiaries of proceeds of cattle rustling."