

## DSS officers 'neutralise three notorious bandits, others' in Niger ambush



*DSS operatives*

**•Recover AK-47 rifles, motorcycles**  
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**At least three notorious bandits were on Friday night “neutralized in Dogon Dawa, Mairiga Local Government Area (LGA) of Niger State, following a well-coordinated ambush by officers of the Department of State Service (DSS)”.**

During the attack, several other bandits, according to sources fled into the bushes with bullet wounds, while the DSS operatives recovered three AK-47 rifles and three motorcycles from the fleeing bandits.

Security sources told Sunday Vanguard that Friday's ambush by the DSS was the result of weeks of intelligence gathering and the interception and analysis of communication amongst the bandits by the DSS.

"The operation was one of the several daring operations carried out by the DSS in the Northwest and Northeast, leading to the neutralizing or capture of several bandits terrorizing innocents in the zones. The DSS have also led several successful operations against the outlawed Indigenous Peoples of Biafra (IPOB) in the South-East", one of the sources said.

The intelligence gathered by the DSS have greatly assisted the military and other security agencies in neutralizing or capturing several terrorists in many parts of the country.

"The DSS have, since President Bola Ahmed Tinubu appointed Mr. Tosin Ajayi Director-General, ramped up intelligence gathering, and have been generous with sharing such intelligence with the military and other security agencies.

"The ramping up of such intelligence by the DSS, and the sharing of such with the military and other sister security agencies have greatly helped in reducing the number of ambushes on military and other security personnel. It also led to the decimation of IPOB elements in the South-East".

Corroborating the story, a military officer who chose to remain anonymous, said: "The successes recorded by the DSS and the assistance they have lent us are enonymous, especially since President Tinubu appointed a very capable man to head the DSS.

"I guess most of the successes recorded by the DSS are not being reported in the media because I guess the new DSS DG is sticking to his promise to revert to the covertness which was the hallmark of the DSS in its early years. But I can tell you that the DSS has really been greatly assisting us in the military."

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As part of his security reforms, President Tinubu had, last month promised to support the DSS in using artificial intelligence combat insecurity in Nigeria.

The President made the promise at at the investiture ceremony of the National Institute for Security Studies (NISS) Executive Intelligence Management Course (EIMC) 17 graduates, in Abuja.