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Troops Kill 3 Terrorists, Recover Weapons In Sokoto Forest



File photo: Nigerian troops

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Troops of the Nigerian Army under Operation Fansan Yamma have killed three suspected terrorists and recovered weapons during a military operation in Kadam Forest, Tangaza Local Government Area (LGA) of Sokoto State.

The operation was carried out by troops of the Nigerian Army's Special Intervention Battalion 7 in collaboration with the 8 Division Strike Team, both operating under Operation Fansan Yamma.

According to a statement issued by the Acting Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, 8 Division, Lt. Col. Olaniyi Osoba, the troops engaged a notorious terrorist network linked to the Lakurawa group.

Osoba said the operation followed credible intelligence indicating that more than 100 suspected terrorists had gathered deep inside the Kadam Forest to plan attacks and kidnappings in surrounding communities.

“Acting swiftly on this intelligence, troops mobilised to intercept the terrorists. Contact was established at about 12 noon,” he said.

He added that the gun battle was intense as the terrorists attempted a rear-flanking manoeuvre but were repelled by the troops, who maintained tactical superiority throughout the encounter.

During follow-up exploitation operations in the forest, the troops confirmed that three terrorists were neutralised, while several others were believed to have escaped with gunshot wounds.

The troops also recovered one PKT machine gun, two AK-47 rifles, 350 rounds of PKT ammunition, 111 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, three magazines, two communication radios, three motorcycles and a mobile phone.

Osoba said further operations were ongoing in the area to track fleeing members of the group and recover additional equipment.

He added that troop morale remained high and that aggressive patrols and sustained offensive operations would continue to prevent the terrorists from regrouping.