

Troops kill ISWAP commander, 20 other terrorists in Yobe

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Troops of Sector 2, Joint Task Force (North-East) Operation HADIN KAI have repelled coordinated attacks by terrorists on their location in Goniri, Gujba Local Government Area of Yobe.

This is contained in a statement issued on Wednesday by Lt. Col. Sani Uba, the Media Information Officer, Headquarters Joint Task Force (North-East).

Uba said the troops of the 120 Task Force Battalion, Goniri, successfully contained and repelled the attacks launched by Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP).

He said the attacks occurred between the night of March 9 and the early hours of March 10, when the troops came under assault from multiple directions.

He said the terrorists were initially detected through surveillance assets approaching the military location simultaneously from Goniri village and Ngamdu junction in an attempt to encircle the camp.

He also admitted that some soldiers sustained injuries during the encounter but were promptly evacuated and are currently in stable condition.

"The vigilant troops

responded swiftly with superior firepower and tactical manoeuvres, coordinating their defence while reinforcements and air support were deployed.

"The terrorists were overwhelmed and forced to retreat in disarray, suffering heavy casualties, including a senior commander," he said.

He said following the clash, troops recovered several bodies, weapons, ammunition, improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and other equipment abandoned by the retreating terrorists.

Follow-up operations in the Timbuktu Triangle, specifically around Gwaigomari, led to the discovery of additional terrorist casualties, he added.

Lt. Col. Uba emphasised that the area remains firmly under military control and that ground and air forces continue aggressive follow-up operations in surrounding communities to locate any surviving terrorists.

He added, "Operation HADIN KAI remains resolute and committed to the complete defeat of terrorism and the restoration of lasting peace and security across the North-East.

"The Military High Command commended the troops for their gallantry and resilience while urging them to sustain the operational tempo."

Boko Haram rustles 1,400 sheep, kills herder in Borno

Meanwhile, the Borno State Police Command said Boko Haram terrorists have killed a herder and rustled about 1,400 sheep in Konduga Local Government Area of the state.

In a statement on Thursday, the Police Public Relations Officer, Nahum Kenneth Daso, said the attack occurred at Wuturo village, a nomadic settlement near Konduga town.

Daso said the incident was reported to the Konduga Police Division by the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association.

He explained that on March 10, 2026, at about 10:30 p.m., gunmen riding five motorcycles invaded the settlement and opened fire.

According to the police, Ahmadu Baida, 40, sustained fatal gunshot injuries, while Mohammadu Baida, 30, was shot in the left leg. The attackers also rustled about 1,400 sheep belonging to the herders.

A combined team of police, military personnel, Civilian Joint Task Force members and local hunters was immediately deployed to the scene.

The victims were evacuated to the hospital, where Ahmadu Baida was confirmed dead, while the injured victim is responding to treatment.