

In a related operation along the Timbuktu axis on the Wajiroko–Sabongari corridor, Uba said troops engaged the insurgents in another fierce encounter.

He said seven terrorists were neutralised during the engagement, while blood trails and body parts suggested higher casualties.

Items recovered from the scene include AK-47 rifles, RPG tubes, a large cache of ammunition, bandoliers and communication equipment.

The statement added that the Nigerian Air Force carried out precision airstrikes on identified terrorist locations and fleeing fighters, further weakening their operational capacity.

Uba said troops, in collaboration with local volunteer forces, are currently conducting follow-up operations along the Forfor, Multe and Wajiroko axes to track down fleeing insurgents and prevent regrouping.