

Troops neutralise ISWAP commander, three fighters in Borno, Yobe

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Troops of Operation Hadin Kai under the North-East Joint Task Force have killed a commander of the [Islamic State West Africa Province \(ISWAP\)](#) and three other fighters during separate operations in Borno and Yobe states.

The slain commander, identified as Jukaibib, was neutralised while leading what the military described as a coordinated criminal operation in the Gujba axis of the Timbuktu Triangle of Sambisa Forest in Yobe State.

The Media Information Officer of Operation Hadin Kai, Lt-Col Sani Uba, said in a statement issued yesterday in Maiduguri that ground troops recorded “major operational successes across the North-East”, adding that sustained, intelligence-driven actions had disrupted insurgents’ criminal activities.

Uba said an encounter with terrorists around Kimba in Damboa Local Council of Borno State on January 30, 2026 forced the fighters into disarray, with several fleeing into the forest with gunshot wounds.

“This impressive operational development represents a major blow to the command and control structure of ISWAP in the North-East,” he said.