

L- R: Mai Kaltungo, Engr. Saleh Mohammed; Gombe State governor, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya; coordinating minister of Health and Social Welfare, Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate and the state's commissioner for Health, Dr Habu Dahiru, at the inauguration of the newly built Accident and Emergency Unit of the General Hospital, Kaltungo, in Gombe, at the weekend. PHOTO BY GOVERNMENT HOUSE GOMBE.

Troops Kill Wanted Terrorist Kingpin Kachalla Maidawa, 35 Others

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Troops of the Nigerian Army have neutralised a wanted terrorist kingpin, Kachalla Maidawa, and 35 other insurgents. They also captured 32 suspected terrorists in a series of coordinated operations.

Insider sources said the operations conducted between September 29 and October 4, 2025, also led to the rescue of 22 kidnapped victims and the recovery of three AK-47 rifles, seven magazines, 780 rounds of assorted ammunition, four motorcycles, three Dane guns, a fragmentation jacket, mobile phones and other logistics materials.

The source said Kachalla Maidawa who has been on the wanted list of security forces was killed in Kogi State during a joint military operation.

1 He said troops in joint collaboration with personnel of the Nigerian Navy, DSS, Police and Hybrid Forces, thwarted terrorist planned attack at Isanlu, Yagba West LGA, adding that during the fierce firefight, troops overpowered the extremists, neutralizing over 12 terrorists, including the dreaded Kachalla Maidawa, who had long terrorised communities across Kogi East and Kwara State.

2 In Kebbi State, troops of 1 Brigade ambushed terrorists along the Salka-Kinke-Makurdi road in Ngaski LGA, killing two terrorists and rescuing eight kidnapped victims.

The troops also recovered seven AK-47 magazines, 180 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition and two motorcycles.

Similarly, in Kaduna State, troops intercepted several criminal activities, including a ₦3 million ransom delivery attempt involving

brand-new motorcycles meant for terrorists.

3 The troops rescued the five kidnapped victims and neutralised several fleeing bandits during the operations in Giwa and Birnin Gwari LGAs.

4 In a related development, two suspected kidnappers were intercepted at Damakasuwa checkpoint in Zangon Kataf LGA with ₦1.3 million, while follow-up operations led to the neutralisation of two other members of the syndicate who tried to escape during arrest.

5 Accordingly, in the North East, troops of 151 Task Force Battalion laid ambush at Dipchari in Bama LGA of Borno State, neutralizing five ISWAP/JAS terrorists.

In similar vein, troops of 3 Battalion and 24 Task Force Brigade arrested suspected ISWAP logistics and drug suppliers along the Gamboru-Wulgo road, recovering illicit items.

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