

Troops Neutralise Over 38 Terrorists In Fresh ISWAP Attack

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No fewer than 38 Islamic State of West Africa (ISWAP) terrorists were neutralised with eight bodies recovered in a fresh onslaught against the terrorists by troops of Operation Hadin Kai at Mandaragirau in Biu local government area of Borno State at the weekend.

A statement issued to newsmen by the media information officer OPHK , Lt Col Sani Uba in Maiduguri yesterday added that intelligence reports from residents

confirmed that over 30 additional terrorists' bodies and weapons were strewn along Garin Mallum–Garin Gajere axis into the Timbuktu Triangle.

He said this was evidenced by blood trails and abandoned equipment.

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He said, “Troops of the Joint Task Force (North East) Operation HADIN KAI (OPHK) in the early hours of Saturday, 28 March 2026 decisively defeated a half-hearted attack by ISWAP terrorists on FOB Mandaragirau in Sector 2.”

He added that troops engaged the attackers with well-coordinated and deliberate offensive-defensive response that forced them into a disorderly withdrawal while the Air Component of Operation HADIN KAI provided close air support to the troops and Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance (ISR) feedbacks to enhance targeted kinetic responses.

Lt Col Uba added that subsequent exploitation along the terrorists' withdrawal routes inflicted further heavy losses.

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“A total of about 38 terrorists were neutralised with 8 bodies recovered so far within the immediate engagement area and human intelligence from locals confirming over 30 additional terrorists bodies and weapons strewn along Garin Mallum–Garin Gajere axis into the Timbuktu Triangle. This was evidenced by blood trails and abandoned equipment.

“Troops also recovered 7 AK-47 rifles, 8 magazines, 4 RPG bombs and assorted ammunition, while recording no fatalities; one MRAP was hit by RPG fire, with injured personnel promptly stabilised”, he added.

Uba said the scale of enemy losses has triggered widespread jubilation among local communities and underscores the sustained dominance of OPHK troops in denying terrorists freedom of action.

“Further exploitation operations are ongoing along the Garin Mallum – Garin Gajere axis at the fringes of the Timbuktu Triangle to recover the littered terrorists corpses and consolidate gains.

“The Military High Command commended the troops for their gallantry and resilience, urging them to sustain the operational tempo in the security interest of the North East region,” the statement further read.