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# Eight terrorists killed, two arrested as troops foil attacks on military bases



Eight suspected **Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP)** terrorists have been killed and their weapons recovered after failed attempts to overrun three military Forward Operating Bases (FOB) in Borno State.

The attacks, which targeted FOBs in Mayanti, Gajigana and Gajiram between Saturday and yesterday, were foiled by troops of the Joint Task Force (Northeast), a statement by the Media Information Officer, Lt.-Col. Sani Uba, said.

Uba said the assault on Gajigana was thwarted, while encounters at Mayanti and Gajiram led to confirmed terrorist casualties and recovery of weapons.

He said FOB Mayanti came under heavy attack on Saturday but troops held their ground as reinforcements overcame ambushes and improvised explosive device threats to repel the insurgents.

“Exploitation confirmed five terrorist bodies and the recovery of three PKT automatic anti-aircraft guns, two RPG-7 tubes, four AK-47 rifles, two FN rifles, three RPG bombs and large quantities of 7.62mm ammunition, with blood trails indicating additional casualties,” Uba said.

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He added that an officer was killed during the encounter.

About 1:15 a.m. yesterday, insurgents armed with PKT guns, rocket-propelled grenades and drones attacked FOB Gajiram but were repelled with support from air assets.

“Three terrorist bodies were recovered along the withdrawal route, with four AK-47 rifles, five anti-tank bombs, three locally fabricated mortar bombs, one armed drone, six fully loaded 7.62mm NATO magazines, barbed wire cutters, specialised ammunition, poisoned arrows and other items abandoned in flight,” he said.

One wounded soldier was evacuated by a Nigerian Army Aviation helicopter for further medical treatment.

In separate operations in Sector 2, troops engaged insurgents at Kayawa Village, forcing them to flee and abandon a tricycle, three motorcycles and five bicycles. The troops also destroyed identified hideouts and arrested two suspected ISWAP logistics suppliers, recovering drugs and medical supplies.

Uba said troops also ambushed insurgents around Bulturam Corner and Dadingel in Gujba Local Government Area, killing two and recovering two AK-47 rifles, four magazines and a bicycle.

“All locations remain firmly under their own control, and the scale of recoveries and confirmed enemy losses further underscores the degrading combat capacity of ISWAP elements,” he said.

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Fresh documents circulating among civil society groups have raised questions over a ~~N~~29.06 million payment made by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) to a private consultancy firm.

Records included payment vouchers, bank transaction details and electronic correspondence, which showed that ~~N~~29,060,189.89 was allegedly paid to Black Root Media Network Limited on August 7, 2024, under Voucher Serial Number 2193.

The payment was described as consultancy fees and sourced from the commission's public funds.

Bank documents indicated that shortly after receiving the funds, the company transferred several tranches of ₦5 million to third-party accounts.

Among the beneficiaries listed are Star of Stars Integrated Services and Sparkle of Sparklers Enterprise.

Financial crime specialists said the rapid transfer of large sums in structured tranches could constitute a compliance red flag, particularly when public funds are involved. Such patterns are commonly scrutinised under anti-money laundering frameworks and may trigger internal bank monitoring systems.

A former commercial bank compliance officer, who requested anonymity, said: “When round-figure transfers move out in quick succession from a freshly credited public-sector payment, it typically attracts enhanced review.”

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Corporate registry checks referenced in the documents alleged that some beneficiary entities might have links to individuals connected to a senior public official.

However, no official finding has established beneficial ownership or wrongdoing. Legal analysts note that if any related-party benefit was proven, it could raise issues under the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) compliance frameworks, the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) Act, the Code of Conduct for Public Officers and the Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act.

Electronic messages reviewed alongside the transaction records appeared to reference instructions concerning the routing of funds to at least one of the accounts. Forensic accounting experts said alignment between digital communications and transaction timelines could assist investigators in determining knowledge, intent and control over financial flows, if formally examined.

The transaction had earlier been referenced in a staff petition alleging procurement irregularities and financial mismanagement within the commission. Those allegations remain unproven.

Civil society organisations have called on oversight and for anti-corruption bodies to conduct an independent forensic review of the payment, consultant engagements and related-party structures.

The CAC plays a central role in company registration, regulatory compliance and corporate disclosures in the country. Governance advocates warned that unresolved allegations within such a key regulatory institution could

affect public confidence and investor perception.

As of press time, there has been no public response from the commission regarding the specific allegations contained in the documents.