

Army crushes terror cells, nabs 20 terrorists, rescues 17 kidnap victims

THE Nigerian Army says its troops have, within 48 hours, crushed several terrorist cells, rescued 17 kidnap victims and apprehended 20 suspects through intensified offensive operations across the country.

The Army said the operations were conducted simultaneously across the North-East, North-West, North-Central and South-South regions.

According to the Army, troops of 192 Battalion, supported by the Civilian Joint Task Force, killed two terrorists during an encounter with Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) fighters at Hudugum village in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State.

It added that three terrorists, identified as Fannami Ari (aka Abu Dujana), Hussaini Hassan Modu (aka Abu Yusuf) and a terrorist in training, surrendered to troops in Kukawa and Damboa Local Government

Areas.

According to the Army, the surrendered terrorists cited loss of confidence in their leaders and worsening conditions in their camps.

In the North-West, the Nigerian Army said the troops of 1 Brigade foiled two coordinated kidnap attempts and rescued 11 victims along the Magami-Jan Gemi and Kucheri-Bilbis routes in Zamfara State.

It added that troops in the North-Central also apprehended 15 criminal suspects and rescued four victims during clearance operations in Plateau, Benue, Nasarawa and Kaduna States.

It further disclosed that troops in the South-South discovered and dismantled two illegal oil refining camps at Biseni in Yenagoa Local Government Area of Bayelsa State and seized 62 sacks of stolen crude oil in Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Area of Imo State.

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