

Borno: 21 killed as soldiers ambush Boko Haram logistics convoy

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Troops of the Nigerian Army under Operation Hadin Kai have killed 21 Boko Haram/Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists after ambushing a logistics convoy in Sojiri and Kayamla communities of Borno.

The Nigerian Army disclosed this in a statement posted on its official X (formerly Twitter) handle on Sunday.

According to the statement, the operation followed credible intelligence indicating that more than 100 terrorists had converged in the area to move supplies and launch coordinated attacks on nearby communities.

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“Acting on this intelligence, troops, in close coordination with the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) and local vigilantes, swiftly mobilised to intercept the terrorists,” the Army said.

Contact was made at about 12:00 noon as the terrorists advanced, leading to a fierce firefight.

“The troops immediately engaged the enemy in a sustained exchange of fire. The terrorists attempted a rear-flanking manoeuvre, which was effectively thwarted as troops responded with superior firepower, dominating the engagement,” the statement added.

Following further exploitation of the forest area, troops confirmed the neutralisation of 21 terrorists, while several others were believed to have fled with gunshot wounds.

The Army said follow-up operations were ongoing to assess additional casualties and recover more items.

Items recovered from the terrorists included bicycles, assorted food items, drugs and medical supplies, detergents, clothing materials, bicycle tyres, torchlights, as well as assorted weapons and ammunition of different calibres.

The Nigerian Army noted that troop morale remained high and fighting efficiency strong, adding that the operation demonstrated the effectiveness of intelligence-driven joint security efforts in disrupting terrorist logistics and sustainment networks.

Meanwhile, PUNCH Online reported that troops of Operation Hadin Kai recently uncovered an improvised explosive device (IED) planted along the Damboa–Komala road and arrested two suspected Boko Haram logistics suppliers in Kirawa, Gwoza Local Government Area.

The Media Information Officer, Joint Task Force (North East), Operation Hadin Kai, Lt. Col. Sani Uba, said the successes were recorded during separate operations conducted between December 17 and 19.

