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Troops eliminate 10 terrorists, thwart ISWAP infiltration in Borno

TROOPS of the Nigerian Army have in the last 24 hours eliminated 10 terrorists, apprehended suspects and rescued kidnapped victims in coordinated operations across multiple theatres.

A credible Army Headquarters source said the successes were recorded during ongoing operations including Operation Hadin

Kai, Operation Fansan Yamma, Operation UDO KA and Operation OPEP.

In the North-East, he said the troops of Operation Hadin Kai, thwarted an infiltration attempt by fighters of the Islamic State West Africa Province at Bitta in Borno.

According to him, the insurgents were forced to retreat after encountering

coordinated spoiling attacks and superior firepower from the troops.

He said the failed infiltration came shortly after terrorists launched attacks on troops' positions at Banki and Azir Bridge, which were also successfully repelled.

In a statement by the Military Information of OPHK, Lt -Col. Sani Uba on Satur-

day, the repeated failed assaults represented another significant setback for the insurgents within 24 hours and highlighted sustained pressure by troops across the theatre.

The source said the troops, while conducting an ambush along the Kirawa-Gakara axis in Gwoza Local Government Area (LGA) engaged suspected terrorist

logistics suppliers, forcing them to abandon supplies and flee with possible gunshot wounds.

"Items recovered at the scene included four bicycles and seven bags of groundnuts believed to be meant for insurgents.

"In Yunusari Local Government Area of Yobe, troops working with members of the Civilian Joint Task

Force arrested a suspected ISWAP/JAS spy during patrol operations.

"In the North-West, troops under Operation Fansan Yamma conducted an offensive on terrorist camps in Shinkafi LGA of Zamfara, where one terrorist was neutralised while troops recovered an AK-47 rifle, ammunition and a motorcycle."