

Soldiers foil planned attack, kill two suspected terrorists in Kebbi

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Troops of Sector 2, Joint Task Force North West, Operation FANSAN YAMMA, have killed two suspected Lakurawa terrorists and recovered weapons during a successful operation in the Sabarumawa axis of **Kebbi State**.

The operation, carried out on June 27, followed credible intelligence indicating that the suspected terrorists were planning to launch an attack on the Sabarumawa community.

This was disclosed in a statement issued on Sunday by the Media Information Officer of the Joint Task Force, Lieutenant Colonel Aliyu Danja.

According to Danja, troops from the Chief of Army Staff Intervention Battalion 7 swiftly mobilised to the area and strategically positioned themselves in an ambush along the suspected route the terrorists were expected to use.

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"Acting swiftly on the information, troops mobilised to the area and established a tactical ambush along the terrorists' suspected route of advance in order to foil the planned attack," he said.

Danja explained that as the suspected terrorists approached the ambush point, troops engaged them with superior firepower, leading to a fierce exchange of gunfire.

He said the operation resulted in the killing of two of the suspected terrorists, while the remaining members of the group fled into the surrounding forest.

"As the terrorists approached the ambush position, the troops engaged them with overwhelming firepower, resulting in a fierce gun battle.

"The superior combat effectiveness of the troops forced the terrorists into disarray, with two of the terrorists neutralised, while the remaining members of the group fled into the surrounding forest," he added.

The military also recovered two AK-47 rifles, two AK-47 magazines, 143 rounds of ammunition, and a motorcycle from the scene.

Reaffirming the military's resolve, Danja said Operation FANSAN YAMMA would continue sustained offensive operations against terrorist groups and other criminal elements across the North-West.

"Operation FANSAN YAMMA remains unwavering in its commitment to protecting the lives and property of law-abiding citizens and sustaining offensive operations against all terrorist and criminal elements operating across the North West," he stated.

He also appealed to residents to continue supporting security agencies by providing timely and credible intelligence to strengthen ongoing counter-terrorism operations.