

Troops foil B'Haram attacks, kill 29 in Borno, Yobe

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Troops of Operation Hadin Kai have neutralised 29 terrorists in multiple operations across Borno and Yobe states between Saturday and Sunday, targeting insurgent bases and those attempting to infiltrate military locations.

The terrorists were neutralised in Lamuseri Village, Gujba Local Government, Yobe, as well as Limankara Forward Operating Base and Kukawa, Borno State.

In a statement on Sunday, Media Information Officer of the Joint Task Force (North East), Lt Col Sanni Uba, said the feat reflected the “immense pressure being mounted on terrorist enclaves, logistics corridors, and leadership structures across the theatre.”

The statement said, “Troops of the Joint Task Force (North East) Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK) have once again demonstrated clear combat superiority by decisively thwarting coordinated terrorist attacks in Limankara and Kukawa, Borno State.

“The failed assaults, launched on the night of 20 February 2026, clearly reflect the immense pressure being mounted on terrorist enclaves, logistics corridors, and leadership structures across the theatre.”

According to the spokesman, 15 terrorists were neutralised in Gujba and 14 in Kukawa.

“Through sustained offensive operations and targeted decapitation efforts, OPHK continues to deny terrorists freedom of action, forcing them into chaotic withdrawals under heavy losses,” Uba added.

He also detailed a precision operation in Lamuseri Village on 22 February 2026, describing it as a key terrorist launch pad and logistics hub:

“Despite coming under fire on approach, troops, in synergy with members of the Civilian Joint Task Force, outflanked the terrorists and cut off their withdrawal routes.

“During the ensuing firefight and exploitation, 15 terrorists were neutralised while scores fled with gunshot wounds.

“Extensive defensive and life-support structures were destroyed, five terrorist tricycles and two vehicles used for attacks and logistics were set ablaze, and a cache of arms, ammunition, bandoliers, and carmine pouches recovered,” he noted.

Uba further explained that terrorists attempted to infiltrate Limankara Forward Operating Base the same night but were repelled.

“Alert troops immediately engaged the attackers in a fierce firefight, bringing disciplined firepower and tactical coordination to bear.

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“Rapid reinforcement at the contact point with support from the Air Component Command overwhelmed the assailants, compelling them to flee in disarray.

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“There were no casualties or equipment losses on our side, while human intelligence confirmed several casualties on the part of the terrorists. The situation remains firmly under control,” he added.

In a related attack in Kukawa, terrorists mounted on gun trucks, motorcycles, and on foot were repelled following heavy coordinated resistance and air support.

“Overpowered by superior fire and coordinated resistance from ground troops and air support, the terrorists withdrew, dragging away casualties.

“Air platforms conducted precision strikes, destroying one gun truck and neutralising four fighters inside,” Uba said.

Persistent aerial surveillance tracked fleeing insurgents, resulting in the destruction of five motorcycles and the neutralisation of an additional 10 fighters.

He said troops recovered 13 AK-47 rifles, 16 magazines, three handheld radios, terrorists’ stretchers, shallow graves, and blood trails.

“Regrettably, one gallant soldier paid the supreme price, and some combat enablers were destroyed by rocket fire during the engagements.

“The wounded were promptly evacuated by Nigerian Army Aviation helicopters and are all in stable condition,” he added.

Uba said these coordinated air and land operations “significantly compounded enemy losses and reinforced OPHK’s operational dominance.

“The sustained and synchronised operations across multiple fronts underscore OPHK’s resolve to degrade terrorists’ combat capacity.”

The military high command commended the troops for their performance and urged them to maintain the operational tempo.