

# Troops kill terrorists, foil Borno base attack

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Troops of Operation Hadin Kai have neutralised several terrorists, including some of their key leaders, during midnight attacks while the insurgents attempted to overrun four military locations across Borno State.

The attacks, which lasted for over five hours between Thursday and Friday, occurred around Konduga, Marte, Jakana and Mainok.

Confirming the assaults in a statement on Friday morning, the Media Information Officer of the Joint Task Force, North-East Operation Hadin Kai, Lt. Col. Sanni Uba, said the desperate attacks were launched between approximately 2230hrs on Thursday and 0300hrs on Friday.

The statement read, “Troops of the Joint Task Force (North East) Operation HADIN KAI have once again successfully thwarted coordinated terrorist attempts to overrun troops’ locations in Konduga, Marte, Jakana and Mainok.

“The desperate attacks, launched between approximately 22:30 hours up until 03:00 hours this morning, were met with overwhelming resistance from alert and determined troops who firmly held their defensive positions despite the intensity of the assaults,” the statement partly read.

In a well-coordinated response, he said troops executed simultaneous flanking manoeuvres alongside reinforcement teams drawn from Sectors 1 and 2, decisively routing the attacking terrorists and forcing them into disorganised withdrawals.

“In some isolated instances where sections of the defensive perimeter were temporarily breached, troops swiftly counter-attacked and fully regained control of their positions”, the statement added.

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He noted that during the fierce engagements, several terrorist leaders, including key Amirs (leaders), were neutralised, while some insurgent fighters were eliminated during the counter-offensive.

“Although some structures within the locations sustained damage during the intense firefights, all bases remain firmly under the control of OPHK troops,” the statement added.

Sanni further disclosed that, in close coordination with the Air Component, multiple precision air strikes were conducted overnight against fleeing terrorist elements and identified hostile positions, further neutralising scores of insurgents and degrading their fighting capability.

“Ground troops are currently conducting exploitation operations across the affected areas, with recovery of terrorist corpses, weapons and other combat equipment ongoing.

“Regrettably, a number of brave soldiers paid the supreme price in the line of duty, including a gallant officer who fought courageously from the front while leading his troops against the attackers.

“Their sacrifice reflects the unwavering commitment of the Nigerian Armed Forces to defending the nation and protecting innocent citizens,” Sanni said.

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