

Two terrorists killed as troops foil Kebbi attack

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Troops of Sector 2 of the Joint Task Force North West, Operation FANSAN YAMMA, have neutralised two suspected Lakurawa terrorists and recovered arms and ammunition during an operation in the Sabarumawa axis of Kebbi State.

The operation, conducted on June 27, followed intelligence that the terrorists were planning to attack the Sabarumawa community.

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

He said troops of the chief of army staff's intervention battalion 7 swiftly mobilised to the area and laid a tactical ambush along the suspected route of the terrorists.

“The successful operation followed credible intelligence indicating that the terrorists were planning an attack on the Sabarumawa community.

“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 said the troops engaged the terrorists in a gun battle as they approached the ambush position.

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“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.

He said troops recovered two AK-47 rifles, two AK-47 magazines, 143 rounds of ammunition and a motorcycle from the scene.

Danja reaffirmed the military’s commitment to sustaining offensive operations against terrorist groups and other criminal elements operating 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,” Danja said.

He also urged members of the public to continue supporting security agencies with timely and credible information to strengthen ongoing counter-terrorism operations.