

Army Kills 38 ISWAP Terrorists in Borno, Recovers Weapons

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Troops of the Joint Task Force, Operation HADIN KAI, have defeated an ISWAP attack on FOB Mandaragirau in Borno State, killing 38 terrorists and recovering weapons.

According to a statement issued yesterday by the Media Information Officer, Headquarters Joint Task Force OPHK, Lieutenant Colonel Sani Uba, the troops engaged the attackers with “well-coordinated ambushes and a deliberate offensive-defensive response that forced them into a disorderly withdrawal,” while the Air Component

provided close air support and ISR feedback to enhance targeted kinetic responses.

Subsequent exploitation along the terrorists' withdrawal routes inflicted further heavy losses.

“A total of about 38 terrorists were neutralised with eight bodies recovered so far within the immediate engagement area, and human intelligence from locals confirming over 30 additional terrorists' bodies and weapons strewn along the Garin Mallum–Garin Gajere axis into the Timbuktu Triangle. Blood trails and abandoned equipment evidenced this,” the statement added.

“Troops recovered seven AK-47 rifles, eight magazines, four RPG bombs, and assorted ammunition. The JTF recorded no fatalities, though one MRAP vehicle was hit by RPG fire, with injured personnel promptly stabilised.

The statement noted that the scale of enemy losses “has triggered widespread jubilation among local communities and highlights the sustained dominance of OPHK troops in denying terrorists freedom of action.”

Further exploitation operations are ongoing along the Garin Mallum–Garin Gajere axis to recover bodies and

consolidate gains.