

Troops crush Boko Haram, kill over 50 in Borno, Yobe

• Army repels multiple midnight attacks, recovers cache of weapons

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MAIDUGURI—TROOPS of Operation Hadin Kai, OPHK have killed more than 50 terrorists and successfully repelled coordinated midnight attacks on several military locations across Borno and Yobe States.

The simultaneous assaults, which occurred between midnight and 4:00 a.m. yesterday, targeted troops' positions in Dikwa, Mafa, Gajibo, and Katarako—areas within Sectors I and II of the Joint Operations Area.

According to Lt.-Col. Sani Uba, Media Information Officer of the Joint Task Force North East (OPHK), the troops fought gallantly and professionally, overpowering the insurgents and inflicting heavy losses.

"In all instances, troops stood firm, fought gallantly and professionally repelled the attacks, dealing the terrorists a heavy, decisive and bloody blow," Uba said

in a statement issued on Thursday in Maiduguri.

He disclosed that coordinated ground and air operations, supported by precision strikes from the Air Component of OPHK, led to the neutralisation of over 50 terrorists across the affected locations.

Recovered weapons from the operations included 38 AK-47 rifles, seven PKT machine guns, five RPG tubes, two GPMGs, hand grenades, and thousands of rounds of assorted ammunition. Uba said the success was made possible by "enhanced battlefield awareness" from the Theatre's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) assets, which gave

troops the leverage to respond with overwhelming and lethal force.

He added that over 70 wounded terrorists were still being pursued by ground forces, while air assets maintained close coordination to ensure total clearance of fleeing remnants. Intelligence reports revealed that the attackers who stormed Dikwa and Gajibo manoeuvred from the Cameroon axis, while those who attacked Katarako emerged from the notorious Timbuktu Triangle—an area long known as a terrorists' enclave.

Although some gallant soldiers sustained injuries, Uba confirmed they were in

stable condition.

He noted that a few vehicles and buildings in Mafa and Dikwa were gutted by fire during RPG and drone attacks by the insurgents.

Despite the heavy onslaught, he said, troops maintained control of all their positions and thwarted the terrorists' coordinated strikes.

"The Military High Command has commended the gallantry, doggedness, and renewed charge of the troops. Their steadfast performance once again reaffirms the military's unwavering resolve and capacity to defend the nation's territorial integrity," Uba concluded.

UK apex court dismisses P&ID appeal, upholds £43m award to Nigeria

THE United Kingdom Supreme Court has dismissed an appeal filed by Process & Industrial

Development, P&ID, affirming that the £43 million cost awarded to Nigeria must be paid in British pounds sterling, not in naira.

In a unanimous judgment, agreement and illegally accessed Nigeria's privileged legal documents. He subsequently ordered P&ID to pay £43 million to Nigeria as legal costs and disbursements.