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Troops kill 2 B'Haram commanders, 8 others

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MAIDUGURI: Troops of Operation HADIN KAI (OPHK), operating under Operation DESERT SANITY V, have neutralized two senior Boko Haram/ISWAP commanders and eight other terrorists in the Sambisa Forest and Mandara Mountains near the Cameroon border.

The successful operation comes just 24 hours after the same troops conducted a raid in the Timbuktu Triangle, a notorious terrorist stronghold linking Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa states.

In a statement yesterday night, Lt. Col. Sani Uba, Information Manager of the Joint Task Force North East, OPHK, said:

"OPHK troops delivered a decisive blow to BH/ISWAP terrorists along the Sambisa

and Mandara Mountains axis on 22 January 2026. At around 0930 hours, insurgents attempted a well-planned ambush with roadside improvised explosive devices (RSIED) and heavy gunfire, but troops under Sector 1 responded with superior firepower, neutralizing 10 terrorists, including two senior commanders identified as

Basulhu and Ubaida." He added that follow-up operations led to the recovery of three AK-47 rifles, one pump-action rifle, five motorcycles, two hand grenades, two Baofeng radios, 12 AK-47 magazines, a rocket-propelled grenade charger, detonation cords, batteries, bandoliers, camel bags, iron bars, and IED

accessories. "On a separate axis, Sector 1 troops engaged terrorists around the Malkube area, recovering additional AK-47 rifles, ammunition, and communication devices, while neutralizing two more insurgents with no casualties to our personnel," Lt. Col. Uba explained.

Kudirat Abiola: S' Court dismisses case against Major Al-Mustapha

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ABUJA—THE Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed the case against Major Hamza Al-Mustapha (rtd) over the 1996 murder of Alhaja Kudirat Abiola, wife of the acclaimed winner of the 1993 presidential election.

Mrs. Abiola was killed in Lagos during nationwide protests following the annulment of her husband's electoral victory. Major Al-Mustapha, then Chief Security Officer to the late Military Head of State, General Sani Abacha, was charged alongside Mohammed Abacha

and Lateef Shofolahan. They faced a two-count charge of conspiracy to commit murder and the murder of Mrs. Abiola on June 4, 1996.

A Lagos State High Court in 2012 found the defendants guilty and sentenced them to death by hanging. However, in 2013, a three-member Court of Appeal panel unanimously voided the verdict.