

Boko Haram suffers setback as troops 'kill' commander, scores of fighters in N/East



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Troops of the Joint Task Force (North East), Operation HADIN KAI (OPHK), said they have killed a notorious Boko Haram/ISWAP commander, known as JULAIBIB, during an encounter around Kimba in Damboa Local Government Area (LGA) of Borno State.

The operation, which took place on Friday, targeted insurgents operating within the Gujba axis of the Timbuktu Triangle. Intelligence reports confirmed that the killing of the high-profile commander has thrown ISWAP elements in the area into disarray, with several fighters neutralised during the encounter. The development is regarded as a major blow to the group's command and control structure in the region.

In a statement issued yesterday in Maiduguri, the Media Information Officer, Headquarters Joint Task Force OPHK, Lt. Col. Sani Uba, said troops recorded multiple operational successes across the North-East through sustained, intelligence-driven actions.