12 bombs recovered, 1 killed in Sokoto military raid

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A suspected insurgent was yesterday killed while another was captured by security operatives in a joint operation by the army and State Security Service (SSS) at Gidan Dare area of Sokoto State.

The operatives also deactivated 12 locally made bombs already primed to explode.

By Turaki A. Hassan

The operation which was said to have begun in the early hours of yesterday was said to have lasted for about six hours.

Briefing journalists after the operation, Commander, 1 Brigade Nigerian Army Sokoto, Brig-Gen Mohammed Tasiu Ibrahim disclosed that the action took place upon a tip-off.

"On a tip off, we undertook a joint operation in the general area of Gidan Dare around Kalambaina road where a terrorists' hideout was discovered," he explained.

Describing the operation as hugely successful, Brig-Gen Ibrahim however noted that the families of the terrorists including two pregnant ladies were saved.

Besides, he said a total of five women including the two preg-

nant ones and six children were also secured.

The commander listed items recovered to include six AK47 rifles and one pump action rifle, 13 magazines of ammunition, seven improvised explosive materials, 56 detonator cables, 32 nine volt batteries and two 9mm pistols.

Others include 701 rounds of 7.62 millimetre ammunition,

13 improvised explosive devices timer clocks and five packets of electric cables and one axe.

He said also recovered were four telephone handsets, 56 SIM cards, three memory cards, 10 cantons of milk,3 handset chargers, one Abuja plate number EL 295 ABJ, N76,685 in cash, five masking tapes, one sledge hammer, one dusting power and one wristwatch.

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