

■ One of Boko Haram's camps sacked by the military during counter terrorism operations to liberate communities seized by the insurgents in Borno State.

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Troops kill 300 terrorists, rescue 11 communities in Borno

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The Defence Headquarters (DHQ) yesterday said over 300 terrorists were killed in a two-day military operation to rescue 11 communities captured by the Boko Haram sect in Borno State.

A statement by Defence spokesman Major General Chris Olukolade said mopping up operation of some of the communities where terrorists had

been cleared in ongoing air and land operations had indicated massive casualties within the past two days.

"The cordon and search operation is continuing along with aggressive patrols by troops who are now dominating the cleared communities such as Monguno, Gabchari, Abba Jabari, Zuntur, Gajigana, Gajiram, Damakar, Kumaliwa, Bosso Wanti, Jeram and Kabrisungul.

"Over 300 terrorists were killed

while a few were captured. Several weapons and equipment were captured and some destroyed. It has been confirmed that five types of armoured fighting vehicles, an anti-aircraft gun, about 50 cases of packed bombs and eight types of machine guns, five rocket propelled grenade, 49 boxes of various types and calibres of ammunition as well as 300 motorcycles were destroyed in the fighting.

"Six Hilux vehicles including

those mounted with anti-aircraft guns were also destroyed. However, two soldiers lost their lives while 10 others were wounded in the operation."

"The various phases of the highly coordinated air and land operations are also ongoing in the designated theatres being handled by contingents involved in the renewed counter terrorism campaign in and outside Nigeria," the statement said.

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