

Troops kill 10 Boko Haram members, arrest 2

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The Nigerian Army yesterday said troops of 3 Battalion, 22 Task Force Brigade on Friday, killed 10 Boko Haram militants and arrested two others while on patrol around Muska village in Gamboru Ngala Local Government Area of Borno State.

A statement from Army spokesman, Colonel Sani Usman, said the troops operated based on information that Boko Haram elements earlier dislodged at Chukungudu and Hausari villages during recent clearance operations were migrating towards Muska village.

He said during the encounter, the troops killed ten Boko Haram militants, captured two alive and rescued a woman and her baby, who were held hostage by Boko Haram.

Usman said troops also recovered six AK-47 rifle magazines, 56 rounds of 7.62m (Special) rounds of ammunition, one bundle of detonating cord, a manual on how to prepare Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) two rifle magazine pouches, a Techno iPad, a Nokia mobile phone and one Gionee mobile phone.

He said other items recovered include: one Digital Multimeter, six SIM cards, three memory cards, one Airtel modem containing memory card, a wristwatch, two Islamic books, an empty bag and two motorcycles.

He said the captured terrorists were undergoing preliminary interrogation, while the rescued woman and her child were receiving necessary attention pending onward movement to an Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp.

Usman also said another group of the Battalion on fighting patrol to Wumbi village recovered 157 rounds of 7.62mm (NATO) ammunition and 37 rounds of 7.62mm (Special) ammunition.

He added that troops of 22 Brigade Garrison intercepted 15 IDPs, all male adults, approaching Dikwa from Mudu Kasa village.

Usman said they revealed that some Boko Haram terrorists occasionally visit and terrorize their village and forcefully collect food and valuables.

They further alleged that the terrorists came in large numbers with some of them holding AK-47 rifles, while others wield machetes, he stated.