

Joint task force kills 6 Boko Haram militants, recover weapons

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Troops of the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) on Operation 'Gama Aiki' in the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) region ambushed and killed six Boko Haram militants and recovered weapons and ammunition.

A statement on Monday from MNJTF spokesman, Colonel Muhammad Dole, said troops in Sector 1 in Makary, Cameroun, Sector 3 Baga, Nigeria; Sector 2 Bagasola Chad and Sector 4 in Diffa, (Niger) are making spirited efforts to consolidate on recent successes recorded in the battle field against Boko Haram militants.

Colonel Dole said these efforts are focused at laying ambushes against terrorists and conducting patrols to block all identified logistic supply routes in the Area of Responsibility (AOR).

He stated that ambushes by troops near Yoyo village around Kekeno and other areas north of Kukawa resulted in the killing of 6 militants, while others fled with severe injuries.

He said: "Some quantity of arms and ammunitions such as one GPMG, five AK 47 rifles, six 60mm Mortar Bombs, four RPG Bombs, two magazines, twenty one rounds of 7.62mm special, one unprimed IED, three IED Chargers and ten Motorcycles were recovered at the sites."

He said during these operations, the eight wounded soldiers promptly evacuated by Nigerian Air Force aircraft to nearby medical centre and are in stable condition.

Dole added that the troops equally seized consignment of logistic materials and assorted drugs during the ambushes.

"These items include 48 Jericans of PMS, four rolls of cloth (unsewn BHT uniform), drugs and beverages; including the vehicles conveying them," he stated.

He also said in the theatre of operation, a group of fishermen in Tumboun Alli village arrested two Boko Haram militants with two concealed AK 47 rifles as they were trying to escape the area and handed them over to the troops of Sector 1 Makary, Cameroun.

Dole said the Commander MNJTF, Major General Lamidi Adeosun commended the patriotic gesture of the fishermen and urged other communities living along the border

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areas to imitate the same effort and continue to cooperate with the troops in the field.