

Troops kill 7 insurgents in Borno

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Troops of the Operation Lafiya Dole, weekend, killed seven Boko Haram insurgents in Mafa Local Government Area and Baga town in Borno State.

Army spokesman at the Theatre Command of the operation in Maiduguri, Col. Onyema Nwachukwu, said in a statement yesterday that: “Troops of the 112-Task Force Battalion conducting clearance operation in the general area of Zaza, Kajeri Maye, and Kajeri Mai-Burem villages of Mafa Local Government Area of Borno

state have killed two Boko Haram terrorists in an encounter that ensued on Saturday.

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“The terrorists who had infiltrated Kajeri Maye village to unleash mayhem on the communities ran out of luck, as the vigilant troops projected their clearance operation to the village and fiercely engaged the terrorists in combat, killing two of them,” he said, explaining that, “During the operation, the gallant troops rescued two women who had been held hostage by the terrorists and have since handed them over to officials of Mafa Internally Displaced Persons Camp.

“The troops also recovered one primed 36 hand grenade, two dane guns, one locally fabricated short barrel gun, two mobile phones, one Ak-47 rifle magazine, 17 rounds of anti-aircraft gun ammunition, 27 rounds of 7.62 mm special ammunition and 22 rounds of 7.62 mm NATO ammunition.

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“Currently, the troops are on the trail of those Boko Haram elements who escaped the onslaught, as they continue with the clearance operations to seek out and destroy any existing terrorists’ camp in the general area”.

In another statement, Nwachukwu said special forces troops under the Operation Lafiya Dole, over the weekend, fought and pushed back Boko Haram militants who launched an attack to break into a military formation at Baga town in northern Borno.

He said the troops killed five insurgents, destroyed one gun-truck belonging to the attackers and recovered some other sophisticated weapons.

“Combined Special Forces troops of the Nigerian Army, Navy and the Air Force operating under the auspices of Operation Lafiya Dole in the ongoing counter terrorism and counter insurgency operations in northern Borno have inflicted devastating man and equipment casualty on Boko Haram terrorists in a fresh encounter with the dissidents in the late hours of Saturday,” he said.