

Troops raid B/Haram 'market' in Borno, kill 6, arrest many

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Troops of the 21 Armoured Brigade in Bama have reportedly killed six Boko Haram insurgents during a raid on an illegal market established by the terrorists in Bama Local Government Area of Borno State.

It was gathered that the operation took place on Wednesday at about 11am when the troops in collaboration with the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF), stormed the illegal market known as Daula Market at Bararam village in Bama.

Zagazola Makama, a counter-insurgency expert and security analyst in Lake Chad, said commercial activities

were going on when the troops busted the illegal market.

He said that upon sighting the troops, the terrorists opened fire but were swiftly engaged, adding that six of them were neutralised by the troops.

The traders were reportedly selling items such as maize, beans, salt, seasonings, used cloths, drugs and petrol to the insurgents in exchange for scrap metals.

"They arrested dozens of Boko Haram fighters including logistics suppliers and collaborators, and some weapons were recovered," Makama said.

The suspects were said to have been transferred to the brigade headquarters in Bama for investigation.

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