

Troops Kill 17 Boko Haram Terrorists In Borno



FILE PHOTO. Nigerian soldiers

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Troops of the North East Joint Task Force, Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK), have killed 17 Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists during clearance operations across Borno and Adamawa states.

Acting Director, Army Public Relations, Captain Reuben Kovangiya, said in a statement that the terrorists had been operating in Bama, Konduga, Gwoza, Magumeri, and Biu local government areas of Borno State, as well as Michika in Adamawa State.

He said the determined troops also discovered and safely detonated more than 14 improvised explosive devices (IEDs) planted by the terrorists in various locations.

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“In a continued effort to deny Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists the freedom to operate, troops of Operation HADIN KAI (OPHK), supported by close air support from the Air Component OPHK and the Civilian Joint Task Force, sustained a series of offensive operations across the North East theatre from July 23 to August 2, 2025.

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“These operations, which included fighting patrols, ambushes, clearance missions, and logistics denial campaigns, extended across Michika LGA in Adamawa and the Borno LGAs of Bama, Konduga, Gwoza, Magumeri, and Biu.

“This resulted in the neutralisation of several terrorists, the recovery of assorted arms and ammunition, the discovery and safe detonation of IEDs, and the seizure of large quantities of terrorist logistics items,” he said.

He noted that in separate operations around Bula Daburu, Alau Dam, Bitta, Kawuri, Algambari, Ajiri, and Bulabulin, troops killed over 17 Boko Haram/ISWAP fighters and recovered several AK-47 rifles, a PKT gun, multiple AK-47 magazines, and a cache of 7.62mm ammunition.

“Other logistics items recovered from the terrorists included approximately 2,300 litres of Automotive Gas Oil (AGO), over 1,000 litres of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), two generators, a tricycle, bags of rice, solar panels, and several motorcycles, among other sundry items,” he said.

He said the IEDs, planted to cause harm to civilians and troops, were safely neutralised by the troops during the operations.

Kovangiya further revealed that within the same period, troops facilitated the safe return of over 987 internally displaced persons (IDPs) to their ancestral homes in Mandaragrau, Biu LGA.

“This aligns with the Borno State Government’s resettlement plan aimed at restoring citizens to their communities and reviving socio-economic activities,” he said.

He also noted that troops of OPHK carried out joint operations with Nigerien forces around the Diffa-Duji-Damasak corridor, enhancing both security and socio-economic stability in the area.

“The sustained offensive operations, in line with directives from the military high command, underscore OPHK’s unwavering commitment to restoring peace in the North East and fostering a conducive environment for socio-economic development,” Kovangiya said.