

President Jonathan restated his passion to reform the power sector in

in the next two years, this will be consummated and Nigerians will take power for granted.

Jonathan spoke of his government achievements in the agricultural sector, which he said pre-

revamped rail services. He said he was in Oyo to inform the Alafin that he was re-contesting presi-

and promised to ensure that the people of Oyo were mobilised to give the president another mandate.

Boko Haram Members Drown In Lake Chad, As Military Clears Terrorists From Baga

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large number of terrorists have drowned in the Lake Chad as they fled the heavy bombardment by Nigerian Air force heralding the advance of Nigerian troops on mission to flush them out of Baga.

"Many of the terrorists died while an unknown but substantial number of them fled with various degrees of injury, in the series of encounter as troops headed for Baga," Olukolade said the terror-

ists had devised the strategy of laying land mines on the way to their locations, but the experts among the troops were a step ahead as not less than 1500 mines were dictated and removed, to clear the way for the brave troops as they penetrated the towns.

"Not even the strategy of mining over 1,500 spots with land mines on the routes leading to the town could save the terrorists from the aggressive move of advancing troops. All the land mines were

skillfully cleared, one after the other. Eventually, the resistance of the terrorists collapsed and the land forces finally stormed the town."

It further stated that the military destroyed a good number of weapons used in the operation by the insurgents. "Apart from the five anti-aircraft guns and the rifles captured from the terrorists, over 34 motorcycles and five vehicles, including trucks being used for operations by the terrorists, were

destroyed in the course of the fighting, as troops headed for Baga. The troops finally began clearing the terrorists from Baga on arrival in the town early yesterday morning.

A cordon and search is being carried out by the troops around the areas, to which the DDI said the "exercise will also determine details of the casualties inflicted or incurred in the course of the operations to clear Baga and other areas occupied by the terrorists.

"Similar exercise is being carried out in over 15 locations, namely Gajigana, Ngaze, Ngenzai, Marte Junction, Mile 90, Yoyo, Kekeno, Kukawa, Cross Kauwa, Kangarwa, Amirari, Kichimatari, Borokari Barati, Kauwa and other localities where troops have flushed out the terrorists in the operations preceding the entry to Baga. The troops are now dominating and conducting aggressive patrols in the locations. The morale of troops remain high," the statement reads.