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Troops kill six terrorists, rescue five hostages in Borno

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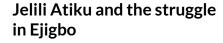
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Air Force plans to deploy more troops in North-East

Troops of 7 Division Strike Group Team B, 21 and 155 Task Force Battalion and Brigade of Nigerian Army have killed six terrorists during clearance military operations before rescuing four women hostages and a child at Kircha/Dungu village of Sambisa Forest in Borno State.

Acting Director of Army Public Relations, Col. Sani Usman who disclosed this yesterday in a statement issued to newsmen in Maiduguri, said: "During the operation, the troops encountered Boko Haram terrorists in which they killed four of them while few others fled leaving behind four women and a child. The troops have rescued and evacuated them for screening and further rehabilitation.

"The troops further discovered a pair of military desert camouflage uniform and a Boko Haram terrorists' flag hoisted in the village. They also recovered a generator set and water pumping machine."



In another development, Governor Kashim Shettima of Borno State has closed the Bama resettlement camp with the return of 28,000 Internally-Displaced Persons (IDPs) to their houses and other public buildings that were not destroyed by Boko Haram insurgents.

Announcing the closure at Bama, Governor Shettima said that the overstretch of camp facilities and clamour of the displaced persons to return home after remaining in camp for about two years, prompted the state government to relocate the people to houses and public buildings not destroyed



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by insurgents.

His words: "With the official closure of this camp, we cannot wait for the completion of the 1,000 housing units in Bama town, but relocate and resettle all of you in houses and other public buildings that were not destroyed."

He said that as the displaced persons return to their homes, the Police, Nigerian Security Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) would provided security while troops of 21 Armoured Brigade continues to clear remnants of Boko Haram insurgents from the state.

Meanwhile, Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Sadiq Baba Abubakar, yesterday disclosed that the Nigerian Air Force would soon deploy additional troops in North-East.

Air Marshal Abubakar, who spoke yesterday in Kano, posited that the additional troops would accelerate the mop-up operations of the insurgency in Borno State.

Besides, he said the Air Force had already deployed troops in the troubled Niger Delta region to check the criminal activities of the Avengers.

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