

Army kills five Borno terrorists as Taraba moves against insecurity

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TROOPS of 222 and 144 battalions of Operation Fire Ball of the Nigerian Army have neutralised five Boko Haram terrorists at the Magumeri and Yafa/Kirchinga/Shuwari axis of Borno State.

The insurgents were killed during combing of Sambisa Forest by the military.

Spokesman for the outfit, Brig-Gen. Bernard Onyeuko, in a statement yesterday in Maiduguri, said two rifles and ammunition were recovered during the encounter.

He added that a tool repair box and two motorcycles were also confiscated, even as some of the hoodlums reportedly fled with gunshot wounds.

Onyeuko added: "Similarly, on December 5, 2020, troops of 144 Battalion, while conducting a robust clearance patrol in the Yafa/Kirchinga/Shuwari general areas, killed another terrorist."

Urging the soldiers to sustain the counter-terrorism operations in the North East, he assured the people that the remnants hibernating in the forest would be routed soon.

IN the same vein, Governor Darius Dickson said his administration was leaving no stone unturned in restoring normalcy in Taraba State.

He promised the citizens yesterday in Jalingo that the problem of insecurity was being tackled with greater determination to make farming and travelling enjoyable in all nooks and crannies of the state.

The governor sued for cooperation of traditional rulers

to achieve the goal.

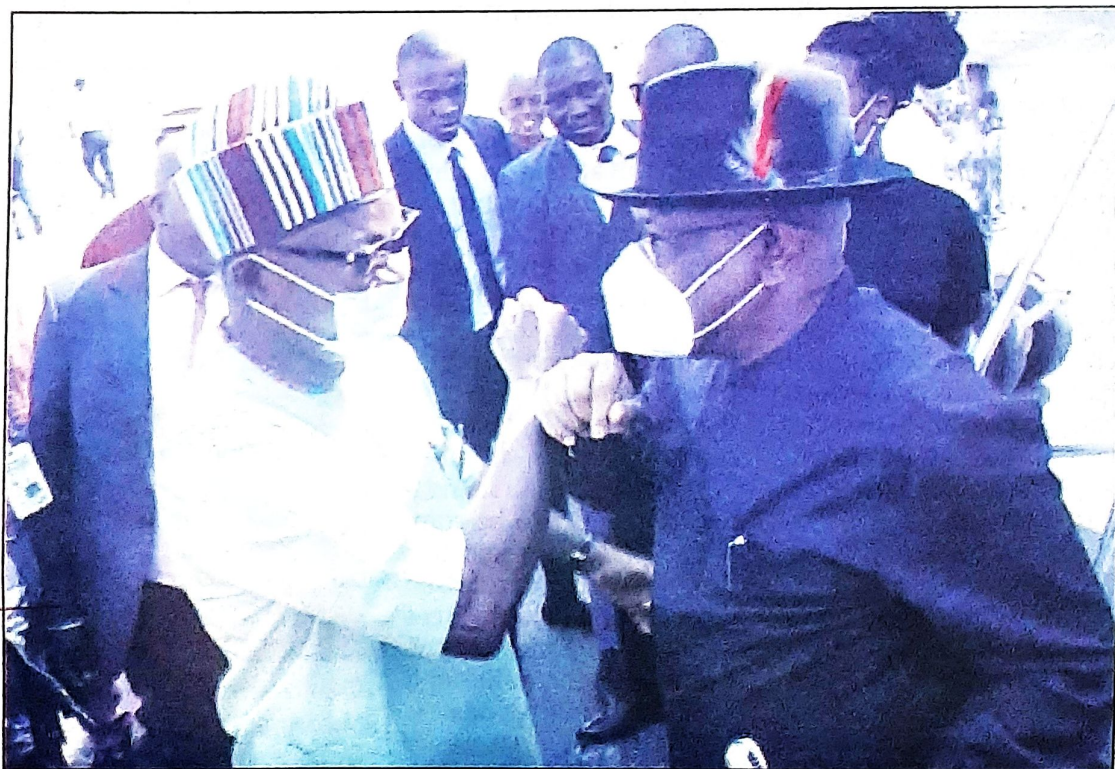
Ishaku, who hosted a delegation from Gassol council area, urged both the monarchs and people to be sensitive to happenings within their localities and report suspicious movements to security agencies whenever the need arises.

Led by the Chief of Mutum-Biyu, Alhaji Sani Suleiman Duna, the team was on a 'thank you' visit for the appointment of some of

their sons and daughters, as well as provision of electricity and other amenities to parts of the council by the governor.

They also called for solution to the anxiety in the land for farming to thrive.

The governor advised the visitors to jealously guard the infrastructure against vandalism and mismanagement for sustainable development of their settlements.



Benue State Governor Samuel Ortom (left) and his Rivers counterpart, Nyesom Wike, during the arrival of the latter at the Makurdi Air Force Airport for the commissioning of some road projects executed by the former in Benue... yesterday.

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