

MEANWHILE, troops of Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK) have reportedly killed 40 Boko Haram terrorists in Kawuri village of Borno State.

Confirming the neutralisation yesterday in Maiduguri, the Acting General Officer Commanding (GOC), 7 Division, Nigerian Army, Brig-Gen. Abdulwahab Eyitayo, commended the troops for protecting Kawuri from being overrun by insurgents.

Eyitayo, who was excited over the decimation of the terrorists, disclosed: “Following credible intelligence, our troops bombarded a mass gathering of Boko Haram fighters at Kawuri village in Konduga Local Council of the state.”

He said the terrorists were planning to attack Maiduguri metropolis and environs when the troops quickly launched massive artillery bombardments of their camps, north of Sambisa Forest.

An intelligence officer also told The Guardian yesterday that the pre-emptive strikes were undertaken after obtaining intelligence on the movement of terrorists in the Konduga/Forest axis.

“We also intercepted the terrorists’ communication before striking them along with their camps located on the north fringe of forest,” he said. “Beside credible information from the people on the movement of terrorists, we were able to intercept their communication and devilish plans to attack Maiduguri and other communities.”