

Military, task force kill 16 terrorists in Borno, Katsina

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TROOPS of Operation Hadin Kai have neutralised seven terrorists belonging to Boko Haram and Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP).

The terrorists were routed in an ambush along the dirt road to Daula Market in Bama Council, Borno State.

A counter-insurgency expert in the Lake Chad region, Zagazola Makama, yesterday, in Maiduguri, said the ground troops achieved

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the feat, following credible intelligence on movement of terrorists to the illegal market.

"Remnants of terrorists were coming to the market to engage in some transactions," he said.

According to him, the troops were on a long-range patrol, when they got wind of activities of the terrorists and laid an ambush. Consequently, they rained fire on the terrorists, killing seven instantly while one

escaped.

He said upon hearing that the terrorists had been killed, Abu Hassan, a top Boko Haram commander, mobilised co-fighters and headed to Bama town to attack the troops of 21 Armoured Brigade.

"On arrival, by 6:40 p.m., the terrorists began shooting sporadically, causing panic among residents of Bama and other communities along the Bama-Gwoza road," he said, adding that the troops responded with

heavy gunfire, forcing the insurgents to flee into Sambisa Forest.

ALSO, nine terrorists lost their lives, following an attack, which was repelled by men of the Civilian Joint Task Force (JTF), in Batsari Local Council of Katsina State.

The incident, which occurred on Sunday, at about 4:30 p.m., also saw some of the terrorists sustain injuries, while five others were apprehended by the JTF team.

The terrorists had arrived on 10 motorcycles, wielding automatic weapons. After the incident, however, only a motorcyclist managed to

escape.

A source said the terrorists had recently invaded the town and abducted some persons. But the JTF was ready for them when they came a second time.

Katsina is among several states facing security challenges, with terrorists, bandits and kidnappers often carrying out attacks on front-line communities.

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