

② Troops kill B'Haram commander, 13 others in Borno

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TROOPS of Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK) have neutralised Boko Haram commander, Abu Hassan, and 13 other terrorists in the Mafa-Dikwa axis of Borno State.

Hassan and other fighters were killed after a soldier in the convoy patrolling the border road to Cameroun fired at the terrorists, who were reportedly fleeing.

Confirming the incident, yesterday, in Maiduguri, a counter-insurgency expert in the

Kill dreaded bandit kingpin, Gudau, in Kaduna

Lake Chad region, Zagazola Makama, disclosed that Hassan led a Boko Haram robbery squad before they met their Waterloo.

Makama said: "A terrorist, who was communicating with a commander in the camp of Abu Iklima, was heard stating that 'the 'infidels' (referring to the troops) had killed 14 terrorists, including the commander. The soldiers fired at us while we were withdrawing from the battlefield in Ngowom.

We are on our way with the bodies of our members. We are coming to Gaizuwa for their burial."

He added that some of the fleeing terrorists were also wounded and needed emergency medical intervention to save their lives.

③ **SIMILARLY**, a dreaded bandit, Kachalla Gudau, who commanded a large gang of kidnappers and other criminals in Chikun, Kachia and Kajuru local councils, was among the bandits neu-

tralised by Nigerian troops on Sunday, at Kankomi in Kaduna State.

The Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, made this known, yesterday, in a statement.

Aruwan said diligent exploitation of human intelligence networks corroborated other pieces of available intelligence, which confirmed that Gudau was, indeed, one of those felled by the bullets of the courageous troops, as they repelled attack led by the notorious bandit leader.