

## Troops prevent terrorists from importing arms into Nigeria, kill 24

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**T**HE Defence high command has exposed how attempt by Boko Haram and the Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) terrorists, to import arms into Nigeria from Cameroun, was thwarted by troops of Operations Hadin Kai.

It said soldiers killed five insurgents in the ensuing gunfire, captured 10, recovered arms and others, including bags of flour and detergent.

Deputy Director, Defence Media Operation (DMO), Brig.- Gen. Abdullahi Haruna Ibrahim, made the revelation during the bi-weekly operational briefing of kinetic and non-kinetic activities of the military and other security agencies across the federation in the last 14 days.

Ibrahim, who represented the newly appointed Director

of DMO, Maj.-Gen. ES Buba, added that no fewer than 967 terrorists, comprising 82 males, 354 females and 531 children surrendered at different locations within the joint area of operations.

He said troops also neutralised 24 terrorists, captured 10, arrested 39 collaborators and logistics suppliers besides rescuing 35 civilians.

His words: "Troops of Operation HADIN KAI in the North East zone of the country have continued to intensify operations against terrorists, including their logistics suppliers and collaborators. In pursuit of this, troops, on June 22, 2023, following intelligence report on terrorists crossing from Cameroun to Nigeria, laid ambush along Bula Yobe-Darel Jamel in Bama Local Government Area of Borno State, and made contact with the terrorists.

Following a firefight, troops neutralised five Boko Haram Terrorists/Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists and recovered one bag each of flour and detergent. Furthermore, between June 15 and 20, 2023, troops arrested 10 Boko Haram/Islamic State of West Africa Province terrorists, their collaborators and suppliers at different locations within the general area of operations, and recovered some logistic supplies meant for the terrorists, which include mosquito nets, mosquito coils, two bags of sugar and the sum of N246,235.00 only."

He went on: More so, on June 18, 2023, troops arrested two suspected gun-runners at Njimtilo checkpoint along Maiduguri-Damaturu Road in Maiduguri Local Government Area of Borno

State, and recovered 500 rounds of 7.62mm special ammo, one locally made pistol, one vehicle, three mobile phones, two jack knives and other sundry items.

Also, on July 4, 2023, troops in conjunction with Civilian Joint Task Force, conducted an ambush operation at Mandara mountain in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State. Following the operation, troops ambushed and neutralised a notorious Boko Haram and the Islamic State of West Africa Province terrorists' commander, identified as NAOIB Gambo Jundullah, and recovered one AK47 rifle loaded with four rounds of 7.62mm special ammo.

"Equally, due to troops' offensive against terrorists in the theatre of operations, a total of 967 terrorists, comprising 82 adult males, 354 adult

females and 531 children surrendered to troops at different locations within the joint area of operations."

He added that all recovered items, captives, arrested logistics suppliers and rescued civilians have been handed over to relevant authorities for further action.

### NDLEA promotes, tasks officers on consistency in drug fight

By Bertram Nwannekanma

**C**HAIRMAN/Chief Executive Officer of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Brig.-Gen. Buba Marwa (rtd), yesterday, charged officers on consistency in the fight against illicit substances.

He spoke after decorating three Deputy Commanders General of Narcotics (DCGNs)