

## Troops Kill 50 Terrorists, Arrest 122 In One Week

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**T**HE Nigerian military troops on the frontline have killed no fewer than 50 terrorists, arresting 122 others in the last one week.

Defence Media Operations (DMO) spokesman, Major General Edward Buba, who made the disclosure, noted that the military continued to target the terrorists' leadership and chain of command, insurgents as well as extremists that undermine the security of citizens in the country.

According to Buba, the ongoing counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations "is making the coun-

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try safer each passing day that these evil forces are decimated.

"The Armed Forces is on course with its operations, which are yielding encouraging results.

"The operations of the last one week, resulted in 50 neutralised terrorists, while 122 of them were arrested. Troops also arrested 49 perpetrators of oil theft and rescued 182 kidnapped hostages. In the South South, troops denied oil theft estimated at N128,066,825.00.

In a related development, troops in Kaduna also neutralised six bandits during clearance operations in

Birnin Gwari and Giwa local councils.

The soldiers, after successful military operations against the bandits', recovered arms, ammunition and motorcycles.

According to a statement by the Commissioner of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, "the troops of the Nigerian Army have neutralised six bandits during extensive clearance patrols spanning Birnin Gwari and Giwa Local councils."

He said that "operational feedback to the Kaduna State Government revealed that the troops began their advance

along the Kaduna-Sabon Birni-Dogon Dawa Road, clearing Maidaro and Ngede Allah, before proceeding to Saulawa and Kidandan general areas. "In the course of these operations, the forces made contact with bandits at Maidaro, Ngade Allah and Kidandan. The troops engaged swiftly, subduing the bandits at each point. Six bandits were confirmed neutralized in total."

Aruwan explained further "the troops exploited the areas and recovered two AK-47 rifles, four AK-47 magazines, 14 rounds of ammunition, along with 40 pairs of bandits' uniforms. Nine motorcycles belonging to the bandits were captured."

The Governor, Uba Sani expressed his satisfaction at the breakthrough achieved by the security forces, and commended the leadership of the GOC One Division and Force Commander of the Operation Whirl Punch, Major General VO Okoro.

He lauded the troops for their fine efforts and urged them to sustain the tempo and focus of operations."

Meanwhile, the state government has urged the citizens to report suspicious persons or activities to the Security Operations Room for prompt action by security agencies, as "any persons found secretly seeking medical attention for gunshot wounds around these locations must not be aided, but should equally be reported".



Producer & Director of 'Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti' (RSK), Mrs Bolanle Austen-Peters, receiving the award for Best Feature Film at the just-concluded African International Film Festival (AFRIFF) ...last weekend