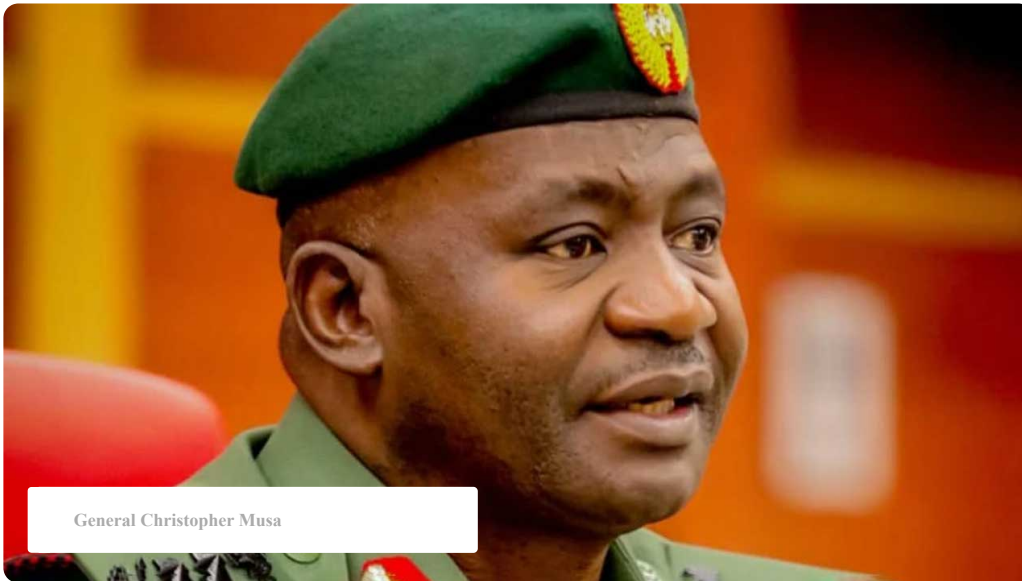


## Troops eliminate five terrorists, rescue 11 victims

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General Christopher Musa

Troops of the Nigerian Army in theatres of operations have neutralised five terrorists, rescued 11 kidnapped victims and arrested 21 criminal suspects in series of coordinated and intelligence-driven operations.

It was gathered that troops also recovered a cache of arms, ammunition and other items. A source revealed that the feat was achieved in a series of operations conducted between July 12 and 14.

According to him, troops of the 82 Division Task Force Battalion, in collaboration with Civilian Joint Task Force and hunters, neutralised a terrorist during an ambush at Ngoshe–Agapalwa in Gwoza Local Council of Borno. He added: “Similarly, troops of 1 Brigade on patrol in Tsafe Local Council of Zamfara State also neutralised one terrorist and recovered a motorcycle.

“In a separate operation, troops of Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) neutralised two extremists and recovered arms and ammunition, as well as a motorcycle in Wase Local Council of Plateau.”

The source also revealed that troops of Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS) rescued 10 kidnap victims in Wukari Local Council of Taraba State. He added that another victim was rescued by troops of Defence Headquarters Special Operations Battalion and Chief of Army Staff Intervention Battalion in Gudu Local Council of Sokoto State.

“Troops of the Nigerian Army also arrested 21 suspects across various states for terrorism, kidnapping, illegal bunkering, arms dealing, and cult-related activities. This includes three suspected extremists’ collaborators in Kwara, two suspected kidnappers in Edo, an arms dealer in Kaduna State, and 11 suspected cultists in Rivers.

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“Additional arrests were made in Yobe, Rivers and Bayelsa states, linked to logistics supply, illegal oil refining, and bunkering activities.”