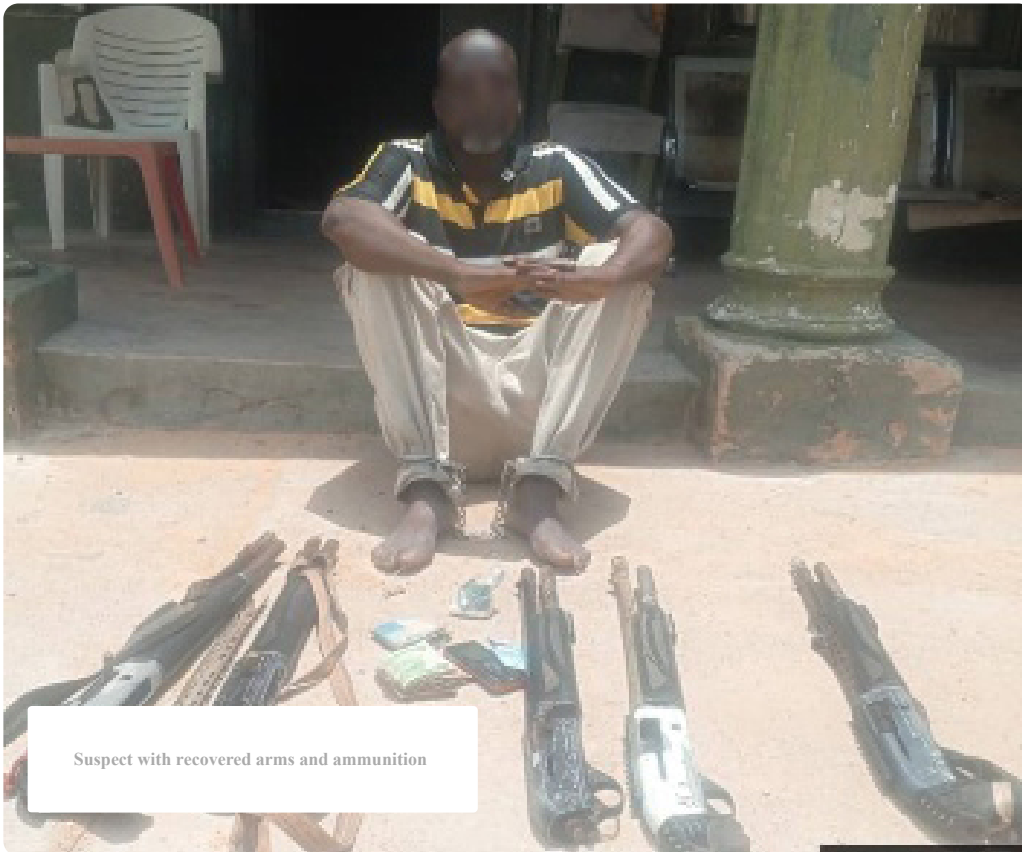


## Troops eliminate terrorist chief, arrest criminals, recover arms in multi-state raids

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Suspect with recovered arms and ammunition

The Nigerian Army has achieved significant operational successes across the country by neutralising a notorious terrorist commander, arresting criminal suspects, and recovering assorted weapons in its ongoing operations.

Confirming the development in a statement yesterday, Acting Director of Army Public Relations, Lt. Colonel Apollonia Anele, said that on August 7, 2025, troops of 3 Battalion deployed at Forward Operating Base Rann Kala in Balge Local Council of Borno State repelled an attack by ISWAP/JAS terrorists.

During the exploitation at first light, troops discovered the corpses of three terrorists, including their top commander, identified as Amirul Fiya (aka Abu Nazir). Blood trails at the scene indicated that other terrorists escaped with injuries.

The operation led to the recovery of one AK-47 rifle, an unexploded ordnance, two rocket-propelled grenades, and other items. In a follow-up operation on August 9, troops, in collaboration with the Civilian Joint Task Force/Hybrid Force, discovered another terrorist corpse and recovered one QJC 88-barrel gun, one AA gun tripod, 20 rounds of 12.7 x 108mm ammunition, a backpack, and a bicycle.

In Zamfara State, on August 8, 2025, troops of 1 Brigade Combat Team 2 responded to credible intelligence on terrorist activities along Road Gusau–Kaura Namoda in Unguwar Sariki Musulmi, Kaura Namoda Local Council. The swift response forced the terrorists to flee, leading to the rescue of two kidnapped victims, who have since been reunited with their families.

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Similarly, in Ebonyi State on August 9, 2025, troops of the 24 Special Engineer Regiment intervened in a communal crisis between Iyimagwu and Ekpomaka communities in Ikwo Local Council.

The troops came under fire from an abandoned building and responded decisively, neutralising one armed criminal. The operation yielded the recovery of one G3 rifle, 50 rounds of 7.62mm Special ammunition, 16 rounds of 7.62mm NATO ammunition, and four hand grenades.

These successes, Lt. Col. Anele said, underscore the Nigerian Army's unwavering resolve to defend the nation's sovereignty, protect law-abiding citizens, and deny criminal elements the freedom to operate.

"The Army remains committed to sustaining aggressive operations in synergy with other security agencies to ensure peace and stability in the country," she added.