

Army kills three, arrests 27 suspected terrorists in nationwide operations

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The Nigerian Army (NA) has continued to consolidate its operational successes across the country by neutralising three terrorists in recent coordinated operations.

During the operations, 25 family members of ISWAP/JAS fighters surrendered, 17 criminal suspects were arrested, and assorted weapons and equipment were recovered.

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Lieutenant Colonel Apollonia Anele, the Acting Director of Army Public Relations, stated in a statement yesterday that troops of 202 Battalion in Bama Local Council of Borno State, on August, 11, 2025, received 25 ISWAP/JAS family members, including 12 adult females and 13 children, who surrendered from Zalmari, Gazuwa, and Alafa villages.

The surrendered individuals are currently undergoing further profiling by the 21 Special Armoured Brigade. On the same day, troops of 233 Battalion in conjunction with the Civilian JTF conducted an ambush along Sassawa–Kaburu in Damaturu Local Council of Yobe State.

They made contact with terrorists, neutralised one, and recovered an AK-47 rifle.

“In Zamfara State, troops of 1 Brigade Combat Team 5 repelled a planned terrorist attack on FOB Galadi in Shinkafi Local Council, neutralising one terrorist and seizing a mobile phone.

“Also on August 12, acting on intelligence from a rescued kidnap victim, troops stormed Gremasa Mountain in Shanga Local Council of Kebbi State, arresting eight suspected kidnappers.

“In Plateau State, Sector 4 Operation SAFE HAVEN arrested five suspected pipeline vandals at Kassa Village in Barkin Ladi Local Council.”

recovering government-owned pipes and handing the suspects over to the NSCDC for further action.

“In Taraba State, Sector 3 FOB Wukari, under Operation WHIRL STROKE, apprehended two suspected kidnap collaborators with incriminating items, including POS machines, ATM cards, and cash.

“On August 13, troops of 34 Artillery Brigade launched an offensive against an IPOB/ESN camp at Ndeji Community, a border area between Anambra, Abia, and Imo States.

“One criminal was neutralised, and troops recovered a pistol with ammunition, cartridges, radios, IED components, mobile phones, and other items. Two planted IEDs were safely destroyed by the EOD team,” she said.

Lt. Col. Anele stated that these sustained operations underscore the Nigerian Army’s unwavering commitment to safeguarding the lives and properties of citizens while ensuring the safety of farmers to support the federal government’s initiative towards boosting farming activities for food security.

“The NA will continue to maintain relentless pressure on terrorists and other criminal elements until peace and security are fully restored across all regions,” she added.