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### Troops kill 10 Boko Haram insurgents, recover weapons

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**Troops** prosecuting the Boko Haram insurgency in the North East have killed 10 Boko Haram insurgents, recovering one rifle and eight locally made guns, in addition to the destruction of 15 motorcycles in the encounter.

Also, the suspect under the DSS watch list who was among 486 travellers intercepted in Abia State en route Rivers State “is still undergoing interrogation by security operatives” and giving useful information.

Chairman, National Information Centre, Mike Omeri, who disclosed this on Thursday in Abuja also stated that the soldiers “equally dislodged a road block between Damboa and Biu which was mounted by insurgents elements in search of food, fuel and vehicle lubricants.

“Generally, while the insurgents are under pressure, the Nigerian military forces are recording successes in the anti-terror campaign in the North East,” he stated.

Omeri called on “well placed individuals, citizens and groups to restrain themselves from uninformed comments and assumptive prepositions that mislead the public, especially the majority of Nigerians who desire

peace in their country.”

“It has become necessary to reiterate that when security agencies noticed the unusual movement of 35 buses at the time of the night in one direction, the interception became necessary. It was not targeted at anyone, region or religion,” he stated.

Meanwhile, the Northern States Christain Forum (NOSCEF), Borno State chapter has began a three- day prayer and fasting for the release of over 200 female students abducted by the Boko Haram sect in Chibok town of Chibok local government council of Borno State on April 14, 2014, as well as the general insecurity situation bedevilling the North East and particularly Borno State.

Speaking at a Press Conference, Thursday, Chairman of the Northern Christian Forum, Bishop Emeritus Emmanuel Kana Mani, said, “We will among other prayers, cry to God on issues bordering on our peculiar situation in Borno, principally, on security matters and for our Chibok abducted girls to be brought back, and by extension to the situations in the North East region, the North in general, the middle belt, the kidnapping in the southern part of the country and other parts of the world having similar problems as well.”

He said the group was going to call upon God to intervene in our political situation as the country approaches the election year of 2015 for a peaceful and successful election.

Bishop Emeritus Mani said their petition would include the oneness and unity among Christian bodies and peaceful co-existence between Christians and other religions, culture and people.

“We will pray and cry to God to have mercy and forgive us our sins and incline our hearts to do what is right at all times,” he stated.

The chairman said in July 2014, the group would hold a seminar on “Christian Leadership in the 21st Century” where he hopes to speak on Political Awareness among Christians, Economic Empowerment, Unity and Oneness among believers.”

While appreciating the government and people of Borno

State for the relentless effort to restore peace in the state, the group said, the good effort of the Borno State governor, Kashim Shettima, was noted and the concern exhibited in the rescue of the abducted Chibok girls and other security issues were well appreciated.

The Chairman also commended the security men and women who have demonstrated bravery in their fighting to keep the state and the country safe.

Speaking on the role of the Shehu of Borno, Alhaji Abubakar Kyari Ibn Al'amin Garbai El-kanemi, the Chairman said, NOSCEF is pleased with his fatherly role and for being a father to all people in his domain.

He said, the duty to promote peace and harmonious living, is a divine assignment to all and sundry. "The press has contributed significantly in moulding and shaping our society. We urge you to continue to emphasise all negative and divisive tendency in our midst. It is our prayer and hope that God in His infinite mercy will continue to protect you from the hazards of your job."

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