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Military stops Boko Haram from blowing up bridge in Adamawa


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The Nigerian military has intensified its cordon and search operations across the North Eastern states of the country that are engulfed in a reign of terror by Boko Haram, with more successes.

At the weekend, the Nigerian troops were engaged in fierce fighting with Boko Haram fighters along the Djimitillo Damaturu road axis in Yobe on Friday night as they encountered a group of the terrorists after their hideout was discovered by troops.

Information made available by the Defence Headquarters (DHQs) through its twitter handle on Saturday, also revealed similar event in Gulak, Adamawa State.

The DHQs disclosed that in Gulak, troops, in pursuit of terrorists, caught up with some of them who were in the process of blowing up a bridge to deter troops' advance.

“The terrorists were not lucky as they died in their encounter with troops,” the DHQs noted.

It said the troops were, however, continuing with the cordon and search of the town and environs after overpowering the terrorists. A lot of arms had been recovered in the process, even as troops were dismantling the terrorists group's flags hoisted in the towns.

In Yobe, the fierce fight to dislodge the terrorists from the location which is very close to a market, resulted in the capture of machine guns and rifles, as well as death of some number of them.

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Some other towns earlier re-taken were; Gabchari, Abba Jabari, Gajigana, Gajiram, Damakar, Kumaliwa, Bosso, Wanti, Jeram and Karisungul.

Some other areas cleared according to Olukolade; were Hong, Mubi North/South, Maiha, Michika, Shuwa, Wuro Gyambi, Gombi, Vimtim, Uba and Bazza in Adamawa; Mafa, Gamboru-Ngala, Mallam-Fatori, Abadam, Marte, Monguno and Baga in Borno; as well as Gujba and Gulani in Yobe state.

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