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Troops Kill Scores Of Boko Haram, ISWAP Terrorists In Borno, Yobe



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ABUJA – The Armed Forces of Nigeria (AFN) said on Tuesday that its troops had neutralised several fighters of the Islamic States of West Africa Province (ISWAP), and the Boko Haram terrorists in Dapchi town, Yobe State and Gajigana in Borno State.

Major General John Enenche, Coordinator of the Defence Media Operations (CDMO), said in an operation update released in Abuja, that the offensive was executed by troops of 212 Battalion, Sector 1 of Operation Lafiya Dole.

General Enenche said in the statement that the troops “on May 17, 2020 successfully repelled BHT/ISWAP attack and killed several terrorists, recovered arms and ammunition at Gajigana in Nganzai LGA of Borno State”.



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He added: “The unit had earlier received credible intelligence report on BHT convergence and advancement to attack troops’ location at Gajigana from Goni Usmanti village in Nganzai Local Government Area.

“In response to the terrorists’ attack on ground troops, the Air Task Force scrambled its attack aircraft and helicopter gunships to provide close air support and engaged the BHT in exchange of fire with troops.

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“Further exploitation by 7 Div Gar discovered one destroyed gun truck and two abandoned gun trucks at Mitturu village.

“Items recovered include 2 AK-47 riffles, 3 magazines, 36 rounds of 7.62 millimetre special ammunition, two 36 hand grenades and one LG3 bombs.”



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Stressing that the military high command had congratulated the troops on their gallantry and professionalism, the defence operations spokesman said “the Armed Forces of Nigeria will remain resolute and continue to sustain the offensive against the enemies of our great nation.

“We shall not relent until peace and normalcy are restored not only in the North East but also in every other troubled region of our beloved country,” the CDMO assured.



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Similarly, fighters of Boko Haram and the Islamic States of West Africa Province (ISWAP), who launched an attack on Dapchi town, in Yobe State, were neutralised on Monday by troops in an air bombardment.

The Nigerian military high command said its troops, in the air assault, killed an unconfirmed number of the terrorists in the outskirts of the town.

It disclosed this in an operation update released in Abuja on Tuesday through Major General John Enenche, Coordinator of the Defence Military Operations (CDMO).

General Enenche said the air bombardments conducted by “the Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation Lafiya Dole, on May 18, 2020, neutralised unconfirmed number of Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) and destroyed 2 of their gun trucks on the outskirts of Dapchi

Town in Yobe State.”

The CDMO said that the air operation was conducted following reports that Boko Haram and ISWAP terrorists, in about five vehicles, had launched an attack on the town.

“A helicopter gunship was scrambled to engage the terrorists and scored direct hits on their vehicles, destroying 2 of them and killing the occupants,” General Enenche said.

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