"Also on the same day, the combined troops of 242 Battalion, Sector 3 Quick Response Force and elements of Strong Response Area Gajiram while on fighting patrol encountered Boko Haram criminals mounted on 3 Gun Trucks at Jilgata in Nganzai LGA of Borno State.

"In the process, the gallant troops eliminated 5 of the terrorists and recovered 4 AK 47 Rifles. One Malam Hassan Bukar earlier abducted by the Boko Haram criminals was rescued while one Toyota Land Cruiser jeep was also recovered by the gallant troops."

General Enenche said the Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Tukur Yusufu Buratai commended the troops for their resilience and patriotism in crushing the remnants of Boko Haram/Islamic State's West Africa Province criminals and urged them to maintain the tempo as they approach the end of insurgency in the Country.

Equally, the CDMO stated that the High Command of the Nigerian Military appreciated the troops of Operation LAFIYA DOLE for their unwavering commitment in the Theatre.