

Military Kills Top Terrorists Commander Sayinna, Other Fighters In Borno

Meanwhile, the military on Friday killed Sayinna, a top commander of the Boko Haram terrorists, as well as scores of other fighters of the group and those of the Islamic States' West Africa Province (ISWAP) in Borno State.

An operation update released on Sunday, in Abuja, to newsmen by Major General John Enenche, Coordinator of the Defence Media Operations (CDMO), indicated that amongst those killed were the Imam and Mansur to the Boko Haram leader, Abu Fatima.

General Enenche said: "Following credible intelligence, the gallant troops of *Operation Lafiya Dole* on July 17, 2020, targeted the terrorists on their market activities and undercover movement around Kolofata, a border town with Cameroon, where troops of *Strong Response Area (SRA) Pulka* neutralised six Boko Haram terrorists attempting to cross from Cameroon border to the Sambisa axis.

"Weapons and equipment captured from the terrorists include three AK-47 rifles, magazine with 48 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, one Honda saloon car, one motorcycle, 8 bicycles, 3 phones with multiple SIMs and memory cards and 5 copies of the Holy Qur'an, among others.

"Additionally, there was a letter written in Hausa to Abu Fatima (Boko Haram's top commander), documents, and other logistics.

"Shortly after the successful operation, the enemy communication intercept confirmed the killing of a top Boko Haram commander named Sayinna and other fighters during the encounter.

"The other slayed terrorists were suspected to be Imam and Mansur to Abu Fatima who hibernated in Sambisa forest."

Additionally, the CDMO said in recent times troops had been dealing serious blows to BHT/ISWAP terrorists in the North East.