

Troops Kill 28 Boko Haram Terrorists Along Damaturu-Maiduguri Highway

The Nigerian troops of 'Operation Hadin Kai' in the late hours of Friday destroyed three gun trucks and killed 28 ISWAP-Boko Haram terrorists along Damaturu-Maiduguri highway.

The terrorists, dressed in Army uniforms, had eortedly ambushed and opened fire at a Mobile Police Force convoy which were returning from Buni Yadi around Auno-Garin Kuturu in Kaga Local Government Area.

The terrorists had killed one policeman and seized a police vehicle when a distress call was sent to the Nigerian military for a swift response.

A top intelligence officer said air component and ground troops were promptly mobilised to execute the operation.

The source said: "After receiving a distress call on the incident, a NAF MI-35M helicopter was dispatched to the location and engaged the terrorists.

"In the engagement that ensued, the three gun trucks

were successfully destroyed alongside most of its occupants. Other fleeing terrorists were also cornered and eliminated by ground troops of the Nigerian Army.

"The response was well coordinated between the Air Task Force Command, troops of 212 and 73 Battalion from Sector 1, as well as additional troops from 134 Task Force and 199 Battalion who went on the pursuit of the terrorists and eliminated fleeing terrorists at Malam Fantari village.

"At least, 28 mangled bodies of terrorists have been counted after the encounter," the report stated.

NAF Spokesperson, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, when contacted, confirmed the attack, attributing recent successes against ISWAP-Boko Haram and bandits in the North West to renewed synergy and joint efforts by the air and ground components of Operation Hadin Kai and Operation Hadarin Daji.