

Troops Kill Scores Of BH, ISWAP Terrorists In Damboa

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Troops of Joint Task Force, North East (NE), Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK) have killed scores of Boko Haram (BH) and Islamic State's West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists in their failed incursion to Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State.

The operations which took place on the Friday November 19, 2021, saw the troops of 25 Task Force (TF) Brigade countered the attack by the terrorists who tried to infiltrate the town.

A statement made available to Sunday INDEPENDENT, signed by the Defence Spokesperson, Brigadier General Onyema Nwachukwu, indicated that the criminals attacked the town in the early hours of Friday through multiple flanks with unconfirmed number of ISWAP foot soldiers on gun trucks.

According to him, "They were, however, subdued by the overwhelming fire power of the vigilant troops.

"In the following offensive, troops engaged the terrorists with a high volume of fire, forcing them to withdraw in disarray. Though the actual number of casualties could not be immediately ascertained as at the time of this release, blood stains were reportedly seen on the terrorists' withdrawal routes.

"This latest operational feat attests to the continuous combat readiness and troops renewed vigor to effectively deny these criminal elements freedom of action.

"Additionally, this clearly signifies the resolve of the good people of the North East who have chosen to take ownership of the ongoing counter insurgency operations by providing credible information on the clandestine activities of the criminals."

Meanwhile, the Chief of Army Staff, Lt. General Faruk Yahaya, had saluted the gallantry displayed by troops, while urging them across all theatres of operations to sustain the current operational tempo.