

Troops Eliminate Commander, 31 Terrorists In Borno

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Troops of Operation Hadin Kai in collaboration with hybrid forces of the Civilian Joint Task Force have eliminated 32 terrorists including a top Boko Haram commander, Abu Illiya, during a raid in the terrorists' camps in Konduga local government area of Borno State.

It was gathered that the troops achieved the feats during intelligence-led aggressive fighting patrols in some identified Boko Haram hideouts in Kayamari, Habasha and Yuwe villages.

Intelligence information obtained from top security sources by Zagazola Makama, a counter insurgency expert and security analysts in Lake Chad, said that the troops made contact with the terrorists in the course of the counter offensive patrol in Yuwe which led to a heavy gun battle.

The sources said that the troops successfully defeated the Boko Haram terrorists while others reportedly fled in disarray due to the superior fire power from the soldiers, thus abandoning their properties and weapons.

The troops also destroyed

50 bicycles recovered in the hideouts of the terrorists.

The newly appointed Theatre Commander, Joint Task Force, North East Operation Hadin Kai, Maj. Gen. Ibrahim Ali, shortly after taking over command, vowed to sustain efforts towards ending the fight against the insurgents. He said all hands must be on deck to see to the end of terrorism in the North East. Catholic Archbishop of Lagos, Most Rev. Alfred Adewale Martins, has appealed to Nigerians to seek divine guidance in the quest for peace in 2023 to ensure that the New Year is free from chaos and

anarchy.

The clergyman said peace remains crucial and inevitable if Nigeria hopes to reclaim its once enviable position as one of the most peaceful and fastest developing economies in the world.

In a homily he delivered at the 2023 New Year Mass which was also used to celebrate the 56th World Day of Peace at the Holy Cross Cathedral, Lagos, the prelate thanked y God for the gift of the New Year and charged Nigerians to play active roles in next month's general election by voting for only God-fearing leaders.