

Troops Kill 3 Terrorists, Rescue 16 Hostages

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① Troops of the Nigerian Army deployed in the North East in collaboration with Vigilante and Hybrid Forces have killed three terrorists, rescued 16 hostages and foiled kidnap attempts.

② A statement by the Nigerian Army on its official X handle said troops in Gwoza local government area of Borno State in an ambush

around Pulka and Ashagashiya killed one terrorist and rescued 16 hostages comprising seven women and nine children.

The troops recovered one submachine gun (SMG), three bicycles, four blankets, cooking utensils, and several other items.

③ In a similar vein, troops carried out an ambush operation in the Komala general area of Borno State resulting in the killing of one terrorist and the recovery of two

AK-47 rifles with two magazines containing 29 rounds of 7.62 mm (Special) ammunition and 91 belted links of PKT ammunition, among others.

④ In another operation in Kogi State, troops responded to information regarding a planned ransom payment to kidnappers.

The statement said troops engaged the kidnappers at the planned exchange point in Okunran Okoloke General Area and killed a kidnapper.

⑤ In a related development, troops killed several bandits in another coordinated attack by the military in Giwa local government area of Kaduna State.

Kaduna State government said the coordinated ground and air strikes by troops of Operation Whirl Punch successfully neutralized several bandits including some of their leaders at an identified meeting point near Bula community within Yadi Forest in Giwa LGA.