

L-R: Deputy governor of Katsina State, Faruk Jobe; Katsina State Governor Dikko Radda and a former governor of Kaduna State, Nasir el-Rufai, during a media interview at the Arewa Tech Fiesta held in Katsina on Thursday. PHOTO BY GOVERNMENT HOUSE, KATSINA.

# Troops Kill 16 Terrorists, Foil Attack On Military Base In Damboa

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Troops of "Operation Hadin Kai" Joint Taskforce in the Northeast (OPHK) yesterday killed 16 terrorists who attempted to attack 25 Taskforce Brigade Damboa, in Damboa local government area of Borno State.

**LEADERSHIP** Weekend reports that the terrorists had in recent times embarked on attacking military bases in the state, with some brave troops paying the supreme price

a few days ago in Marte, in Marte local government area, and in Rann in Kala-Balge local government area in such attacks.

However, the tide changed with the Damboa attack where the troops in a coordinated response with the air component, swiftly aborted the terrorists' effort to attack another base.

Confirming the troops' success against the attack, the Nigerian Army on its twitter handle (now X), said at about 1am yesterday, May 23,

gallant troops of Operation Hadin Kai sighted a group of ISWAP/Boko Haram terrorists in Damboa and immediately engaged them with sustained fire.

"The main thrust of the attack targeted the Brigade, prompting the swift deployment of air support to assist ground forces. After approximately two hours of intense engagement, the terrorists were forced to retreat after suffering casualties.

"The troops successfully

neutralised 16 terrorists in the encounter and are currently conducting a pursuit operation. Although an ammunition storage area was hit during the exchange, it was quickly brought under control with no further escalation," the Army said.

Further confirming the killing of the terrorists, the acting deputy director of Operation Hadin Kai, Captain Reuben Kovangiya, said troops are in continuation of the offensive against the terrorists.