

Army Arrests 17 Suspects As 25 Families Of ISWAP Members Surrender

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Twenty-five family members of ISWAP/JAS fighters have surrendered to troops of 202 Battalion in Bama LGA, Borno State.

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According to military sources, the move followed increased tempo of operations by troops leading to killing of three fighters and arrest of 17 suspects and recovery of assorted weapons in the region.

Particularly, troops of 202 Battalion in Bama on 11 August 2025 received 25 ISWAP/JAS family members, comprising 12 adult females and 13 children, who surrendered from Zalmari, Gazuwa, and Alafa villages.

They are currently being profiled to ascertain their level of involvement.

On the same day, troops of 233 Battalion in conjunction with the Civilian JTF during an ambush along Sassawa–Kaburu in Damaturu LGA, Yobe State, killed one terrorist and recovered one AK-47 rifle.

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Meanwhile, in Zamfara State, troops of 1 Brigade Combat Team 5 repelled a planned terrorist attack on FOB Galadi in Shinkafi LGA, killing one terrorist and recovering one mobile phone.

Again on 12 August, acting on intelligence from a rescued kidnap victim, troops stormed Gremasa Mountain in Shanga LGA, Kebbi State and arrested eight suspected kidnappers.

In Plateau State, troops of Sector 4 Operation SAFE HAVEN arrested five suspected pipeline vandals at Kassa Village in Barkin Ladi LGA, recovered government-owned pipes, and handed the suspects over to the NSCDC for further action.

Furthermore, in Taraba State, troops of Sector 3 FOB Wukari, under Operation WHIRL STROKE, arrested two suspected kidnap collaborators with incriminating items, including POS machines, ATM cards, and cash.

In a related development, troops of 34 Artillery Brigade on 13 August launched an offensive against an IPOB/ESN camp at Ndeji Community, a boundary area between Anambra, Abia, and Imo states.

The troops killed one criminal and recovered a pistol with ammunition, cartridges, radios, IED components, mobile phones, and other items.

They also safely destroyed two planted IEDs.