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• Weapons recovered from the insurgents by the military



• Soldiers with a motorcycle recovered from insurgents

Troops kill terrorists on Dikwa-Maiduguri road

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THE Army yesterday said troops killed many terrorists on Dikwa-Maiduguri Road.

But the casualty figure remained unknown. *The Nation* saw a photograph of some Boko Haram fighters lying dead. The operation were kept under wraps.

A statement by Army spokesperson Col. Sani Usman Kukashaka said recent military operations against Boko Haram insurgents had been

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• A vehicle belonging to the insurgents in flames after the encounter



• A recovered IEDs



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very successful, with the terrorists are on the run.

The statement reads: "In compliance with the directive of Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Maj.-Gen. Tukur Yusuf Buratai, the Nigerian troops have increased the tempo of their offensive as they killed many terrorists during a recent combat operation along Dikwa-Maiduguri Road, in Borno State.

"Through a combined operation, involving the ground troops and Air Force, the military mercilessly dealt devastating blows on the terrorists who could not escape during the encounter.

"Some of the items recovered from the terrorists included vehicles heavily laden with Improvised Explosives Devices (IEDs), motorcycles, trucks mounted with anti-aircraft

guns, anti-aircraft gun, general purpose machine, gunbox of anti-aircraft gun ammunition and rifles."

The Army said that in one of the recent operations, the military attacked terrorists' logistics base, where an IED was planted with connected wires traced to a kingpin's residence.

It added: "Due to recent concerted efforts, roads and towns hitherto being held by Boko Haram terrorists and laced with mines, such as Biu-Buni Yadi-Damaturu and Biu-Sabon Gari-Dambo roads, were liberated and cleared of mines and made safe for public usage.

While renaming the counter-insurgency operation as "Operation Zaman Lafiya Dole", the COAS urged the troops not to wait for Boko Haram to attack but to take the battle to the insurgents.