

## Soldiers kills 63 insurgents in Borno

**S**IXTY-THREE suspected Boko Haram insurgents have been killed by soldiers in Borno State within the last one week, the army said yesterday.

The dead insurgents include three suspected suicide bombers who met their Waterloo yesterday when they were intercepted at a military checkpoint on the MaiduguriMafa road.

The Deputy Theatre commander of Operation Lafiya Dole, Major General Lucky Irabor told newsmen that as soon as soldiers at the checkpoint sighted the suicide bombers - two females and a male - one of the girls detonated the explosive strapped to her body killing herself and the other female bomber.

The male suicide

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■ Duku JOEL, Maiduguri ■  
bomber was gunned down by troops as he charged at them.

The other 60 terrorists were killed in different parts of the state between Monday and yesterday.

Recovered from them were AK47 rifles, ammunition, Anti Aircraft Gun, explosives, vehicles, and motorcycles.

Irabor said: "our troops conducted fighting patrols at Afe, Kudiye, Souma, Dikwa Mijigeta, Mida villages of Borno state. During the operations our troops came in contact with Boko Haram terrorists at Kudiye and Mijigete where 370 hostages were rescued and brought to IDP camp in Dikwa and three rifles

and 41 motorcycles were destroyed."

Similarly, troops cleared Boko Haram hide-outs in Wala, Tirkopytir and Durubajuwe in Gwoza local government area and encountered terrorists in Huyum in Askira/uba local government area.

"The terrorists, sighting troops, abandoned their families behind including five women and 12 children who are currently undergoing interrogation.

He commended the efforts of the troops and renewed call for the troops and the public to be more vigilant and security conscious at all times, especially at checkpoints, worship centre, markets, motor parks and schools.

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