

Troops record success against Boko Haram'

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Nigerian troops have recorded success in the fight against terrorists and insurgency in the Northeast, Army Director of Public Relations Sani Usman said yesterday.

In one operation, he claimed that troops of 7 Brigade Quick Reaction Force (QRF), Multinational Joint Task Force, inflicted casualties on Boko Haram terrorists when the troops staged an ambush against them at Kekeno, Kukawa Local Government Area.

The operation caused a major setback to the insurgents, the army spokesperson added.

Col. Usman said: "During the operation, the gallant troops killed five suspected Boko Haram terrorists, recovered one Toyota Buffalo vehicle, three AK-47 rifles, two knives, a horse and other locally fabricated weapons.

"The insurgents were believed to be on a retaliatory mission following the killing of a suspected Boko Haram
r Ameer during an ambush by our troops at Kekeno.

"In another development, troops of 118 Task Force Battalion patrolling Mile 90-Kekeno general area, have killed one suspected Boko Haram terrorist and captured two other insurgents.

"Similarly, troops of Army Headquarters Special Forces on patrol to Yale came across Boko Haram terrorists' camp at Bulagana, cleared the camp and rescued 40 civilians held hostage. Unfortunately, one soldier sustained gunshot wounds during the operation. He has since been evacuated and is responding to treatment."

He added that the 151 Task Force Battalion of 21 Brigade while on patrol encountered Boko Haram terrorists at Budumri village during which they killed 25 Boko Haram terrorists and arrested eight others. "The troops also rescued 103 civilians held hostage by the terrorists. They also recovered one Golf car and motorcycles and bicycles. The troops also cleared terrorists' camp at Bolungu village. The same unit also rescued 181 persons and captured eight Boko Haram terrorists. Among those rescued were 18 men, 90 women and 77 children," Col. Usman said.