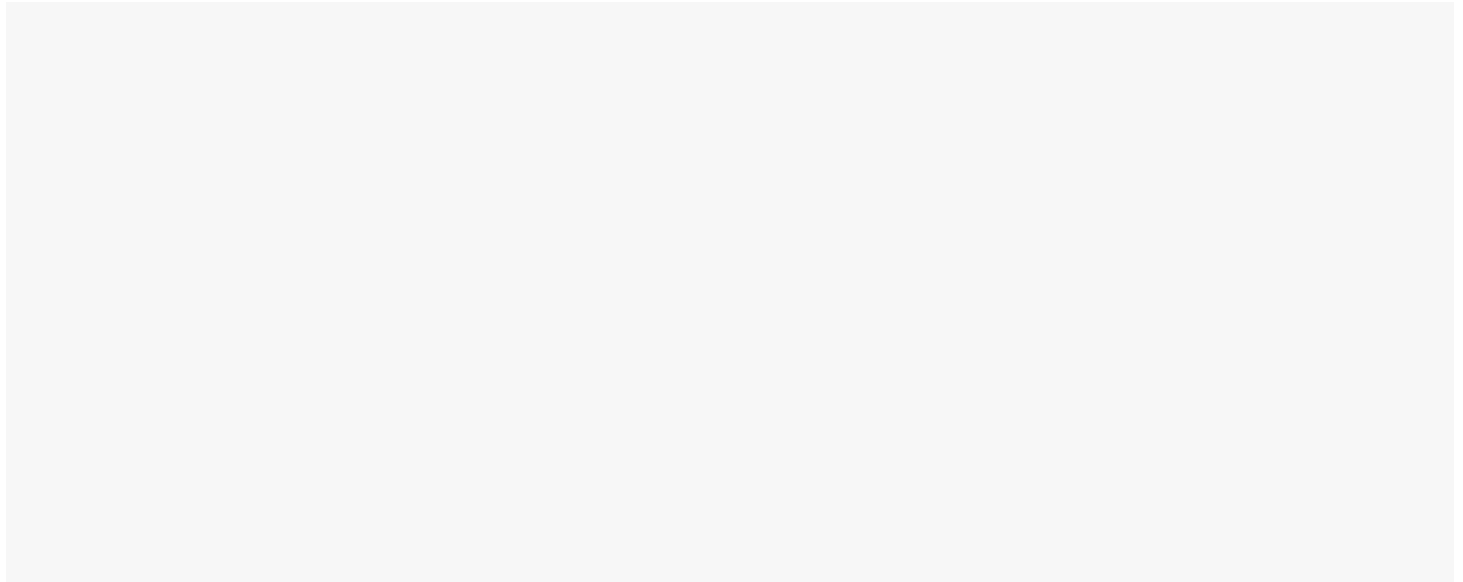


Troops kill 15 bandits in Zamfara

Neutralize more terrorists in Borno, Yobe



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Troops of Operation Hadarin Daji have killed 15 bandits terrorising innocent citizens in Dansadau District of Zamfara State.

This came hours after the troops announced on Thursday, the killing of 29 bandits in an encounter in Moriki general area in the state.

The Acting Force Information Officer, Lt. Ayobami Oni-Orisan said in a statement that the bandits were overpowered at their camps in Madada forest under Dansadau District in Magami, Maru Local Government area.

“The troops maintaining an aggressive posture, encountered heavy resistance from the heavily armed bandits who were eventually overpowered and ran away with bullet wounds,” Oni-Orisan said.

“The gallant troops effectively neutralized 15 bandits and destroyed all their camps and logistics.”

He however stated that one soldier was killed and a vigilance member seriously injured in the encounter.

Oni-Orisan maintained that the troops had continued the pursuit of the fleeing bandits “with the explicit orders to destroy all camps and neutralize any resistance.”

He noted that Madada forest had become too notorious for harboring heavily fortified bandits camps in the state.

He recalled that, “earlier, on 26 June, 2019, the troops, acting on actionable intelligence, apprehended two suspected bandits’ informants at Bagega notorious for spring on troops’ movement and deployments for onward relay to the bandits.

“The troops also in Wanke and Kanoma of Maru local government recovered about 100 cattle from armed bandits who earlier rustled them from Kanoma district.

“On sighting the troops, the severely demoralised and destabilised bandits fled the encounter and abandoned their mission in the area with gunshot wounds.

“Furthermore, troops deployed at Faru equally recovered 14 cows at Tungar Hako forest abandoned by bandits afraid of the troops.”

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In a related development, Nigerian troops also eliminated more terrorists in Borno and Yobe states as the Chief of Army Staff, Lt Gen. Tukur Buratai, spent a whole week in the theatre of operations against Boko Haram insurgents.

Their latest exploits came barely 24 hours after a similar offensive against terrorists in Goniri, Yobe State resulted in the death of scores of them.

Spokesman of the Nigerian Army, Col. Sagir Musa, who disclosed this in a statement, said arms and ammunition were also recovered from the terrorists.

The statement reads: “Following reinvigorated operational strategies and robust, aggressive and dynamic counter-terrorism operations injected into the Theatre Command, Operation LAFIYA DOLE by the Chief of Army Staff Lt-Gen T. Y. Buratai, troops have continued to successfully sustain aggressive long range mobile fighting patrols, raids, searches and ambushes which resulted in the recent successes recorded.

“Recall the devastating ambush of terrorists yesterday at Goniri Yobe State by the indefatigable and patriotic troops, as well as the resultant recovery of 5 gun trucks and 1 VBL among others.

“Today, the 26 of June, 2019, as part of the ongoing Operation HALAKA DODO under 7 Division purview, soldiers of 152 Task Force Battalion, under 21 Special Armoured Brigade, in conjunction with some Civilian Joint Task Force members, embarked on intensive patrols and clearance operations to Nbaga and Gero villages where troops came in contact with the terrorists at Ngaba village.

“The sudden attack on terrorists’ camps, simultaneous and swift employment of voluminous coordinated fire power bombardments led to serious destruction of the terrorists’ camps, which forced the criminals to flee their hideouts in disarray, while an unconfirmed number of the bandits were effectively extirpated.

“Accordingly, 8 women and 6 children were extricated and freed from the terrorists, while their (terrorists) makeshift camps were totally destroyed.

“The following items were captured: 3 Ak 47 rifles, 5 bicycles and 1 terrorists’ flag.

“The liberated women and children will be handed over to the appropriate agency for further necessary action.

“Similarly, on Wednesday 26 June 2019, troops of 26 Task Force Brigade located in Gwoza, while on clearance operation from Southern Borno axis to Agapalwa village and surrounding localities, came in contact with some terrorists which led to an exchange of fire that caused the decimation of one terrorist and the destruction of some terrorists’ camps.”



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