

36 terrorists killed in air raids

DEFENCE Headquarters says the troops of Operation Hadin Kadin eliminated more than 36 terrorists in air strikes across the Northeast in the last two weeks.

The Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. Musa Danmadami, said this yesterday in Abuja at the bi-weekly briefing on the operations of the armed forces.

Danmadami said two top commanders of Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) terror-

ists, identified as Abu Asiya and Abu Ubaida (A'Qaid) were among those eliminated during the period.

He said that while Asiya was killed at Parisu, Ubaida was eliminated at Sheruri all in Sambisa forest general area on Sept. 12 and Sept. 15 respectively.

"Consequently, within the period under review, troops neutralised 36 terrorists, rescued 130 civilians and arrested 46 suspected Boko Haram terrorists as well as 12 suspected Boko Haram Terror-

ists/ISWAP logistic suppliers.

"Furthermore, 21 AK47 rifles, 163 rounds of 7.62mm special, two RPG bombs, 25 Dane guns, four explosive ordinance store, two bandoliers, 10 solar panels, 23 bicycles, 10 motorcycles and one tricycle were recovered.

"Other items recovered are, 19 cell phones, 28 torch lights, bags of assorted grains, 122 rustled sheep, and the sum of N203,125 among other items.