

Troops kill 21 terrorists, IPOB member, rescue another Chibok girl

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TROOPS on operations in North East, North West and North Cen-

tral Nigeria killed 19 suspected Boko Haram/ Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists between May 4 and 18, the Defence Headquarters (DHQ) said yesterday.

It said the troops also rescued another abducted Chibok girl on serial 10 of the list, Saratu Dauda, while 25 terrorist logistic suppliers were arrested during the period.

Director, Defense Media Operations (DDMO), Maj.-Gen. Musa Danmadami, who disclosed this during a briefing in Abuja, said 511 Boko Haram

terrorists/ISWAP and members of their families comprising of 99 males, 161 females and 251 children surrendered to troops at different locations within the theatre of operations.

1a He said: "On 6 May 2023, troops on fighting patrol made contact with terrorist at Keta high ground in Tsafe Local Government Area of Zamfara State and following the fire fight, troops neutralized 2 terrorists while others fled. Troops fur-

ther exploited the general area and rescued 10 kidnapped civilians and recovered 1 RPG bomb, 108 rounds of 7.62mm NATO, 1 telescopic sight and 1 boafeng radio.

1b "Also, on 9 May 2023, troops had a meeting engagement with terrorists at Sauri hill in Tsafe Local Government Area of same state. Following the operation, troops neutralized 2 terrorists while other fled."

1c In the North Central zone, Danmadami said troops on operation killed two terrorists

and arrested five others while responding to an attack on Kubu village in Mangu local government areas of Plateau state.

Danmadami said: "In the South South, on 11 May 2023, following a tip-off, troops responded to info about one AK-47 rifle concealed by a suspected cultist who died during a clash at NKWOK Community in ETIM EKPO LGA of AKWA IBOM State. On arrival at the scene, troops conducted cordon and search operations at the residence of the late cultist and recovered the rifle, one empty magazine and two rounds of 7.62 mm Special ammunition.



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