

# Troops overrun terrorists' stronghold in Lake Chad Region

**T**he Nigerian Army in conjunction with a hybrid force and element of the Civilian Joint Task Force, has successfully overrun the Boko Haram/Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists' stronghold in the Lake Chad Region

According to a report by the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), this is contained in a statement by the Director, Army Public Relations, Maj.-Gen. Onyema Nwachukwu, on Friday in Abuja. He said the offensive

operation was conducted on Wednesday with a fierce battle leading to the killing of three terrorists and the recovery of a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle.

Other items recovered are a truck-mounted anti-aircraft gun and a cache of arms and ammunition.

He said the insurgents attacked the troops with a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED), Mortar, Gun trucks, and motorbikes.

Nwachukwu said the insurgents fell under the overwhelming superior firepower of the troops, forcing them to abandon their stronghold, armaments, and equipment in disarray.

According to him, the operation proved to be a major setback to the insurgents, as the gallant troops neutralised three terrorists.

"Items recovered are one MRAP, one gun truck, one Dushka Machine Gun, one AK 47 Rifle, and one locally fabricated gun.

"Troops also captured one Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) Bomb, 273 rounds of 7.62mm Special ammunition, one Pumping machine, 65 Dushka links, 48 General Purpose Machine Gun links and three motorbikes.

"The gallant troops are presently exploiting their success in pursuit of the routed insurgents," he said.

## in Saudi Arabia

"A team comprising 38 consultants, specialists, technicians and nursing staff specialising in anaesthesia, pediatric surgery, urology, orthopaedics, plastic surgery and pediatric neurosurgery, collaborated seamlessly to ensure the success of this complex operation," he said in a statement yesterday.

It was gathered that the surgical milestone involving Hassana and Husaina is the 60th operation undertaken by the Saudi programme for separating Siamese twins.

"The programme has provided care for 135 conjoined twins from 25 countries over the past 34 years.