

Maj-Gen. Buba confirmed that the notorious terrorist commander, Abu Mosaje, was killed in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State.

He also reported the arrest of 28 oil thieves and the rescue of 67 kidnap victims.

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Buba said: “Furthermore, across all the theatres of operations, troops recovered 104 assorted weapons and 1,953 assorted ammunition. The breakdown as follows: 53 AK47 rifles, 25 fabricated rifles, one FN rifle, 11 dane guns, two pump action guns, one fabricated SMG, four IEDs, seven RPG bombs, 30 magazines, four IEDs and three locally made butts.

“Others are: 1,186 rounds of 7.62mm special ammo, 417 rounds of 7.62mm NATO, 49 rounds of 12.7mm ammo, 190 rounds of 7.62 x 54mm ammo, 12 live cartridges, three bandoliers, one baofeng, 35 motorcycles, 22 mobile phones amongst other items.”

Giving updates on troops successes in the Niger Delta region, the defence spokesman said that troops recovered 842,685 litres of stolen crude, 12,340 litres of illegally refined diesel and 200 litres of kerosene.

He said troops destroyed 42 illegal refining sites, 215 crude oil cooking ovens, 26 dugout pits, 29 boats, 62 storage tanks, and 20 drums.

Buba said troops also recovered one barge, one tug boat, two pumping machines, two speedboats, nine outboard engines, two vehicles, 21 motorcycles, 11 mobile phones and eight vehicles among other items from oil thieves.