

TROOPS of Operation FASAN YAMA, a military operation against bandits/terrorists in the Northwest, supported by Hybrid Forces and the Nigerian Air Force have killed a terrorist kingpin, Yellow Danbokkolo, during a fierce battle in Sokoto state.

The Director of Defence Media Operation, Maj-Gen Markus Kangye, announced this in a statement yesterday.

Maj-Gen Markus Kangye also said that troops of Operation Hadin Kai in Northeast Nigeria in collaboration with the Multinational Joint Task Force (MJNTF) have killed 10 Boko Haram/Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) during a fierce battle along Rann - Gamboru Ngala axis, close to the Nigeria - Cameroon border.

According to him, Danbokkolo's death came nearly a day after the military killed Ali Kachala Kawaje, a terrorist bomb expert Machika, Dan Muhammad, and 38 other terrorist commanders in Niger State airstrikes.

Troops kill terror kingpin Yellow Danbokkolo

• 10 terrorists along Nigeria- Cameroon border neutralised

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Maj-Gen Kangye had hinted that the troops were closing in on other wanted terrorists, when he announced the killing of Kachalla and 38 others terrorists, last Friday.

He stated that Danbokkolo succumbed to gunshot wounds after his fierce encounter with troops in Shinkafi Local Government of Sokoto state, last week.

Danbokkolo was said to be much more dreaded than notorious bandit Bello Turji.

Danbokkolo was reported to have masterminded the December 2021 arson on travellers in Shinkafi Local Government Area of Zamfara State, during which all the passengers were burnt to

death.

According to the defence spokesman, military troops were in their hunt for Turji, whom he said will also meet his Waterloo soon.

"Our exultant troops of Operation FASAN YAMA with this renewed resolve are on the hunt for Bello Turji, who has been in hiding," he said.

Kangye said the Nigeria- Cameroon border operation was strategically designed and executed to flush out remnants of Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists operating within the border communities.

According to him, troops, acting on credible intelligence, "masterfully" stormed the terrorists' hideout between Rann and Gamboru, resulting in an intense gun

battle, where 10 terrorists met their Waterloo, as a result of the troops superior firepower.

"After the firefight, a huge cache of arms and ammunition were recovered from the scene, including some quantity of anti-aircraft ammunition," Kangye said.

"The operation was part of a broader strategy to dominate the Southern Lake Chad axis and prevent cross-border movement of BH/ISWAP terrorists."

He said several arms and ammunition were recovered from the terrorists, which were being subjected to further technical analysis, "while search efforts are ongoing to locate possible escapees and other terrorists' hideouts in the area."