

‘Army kills five terrorists, rescue 11 victims’



•Operation Fansan Yamma praised

The **Nigerian Army** has killed five terrorists, rescued 11 kidnapped victims and arrested 21 suspects.

A source, who made this known to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) yesterday, said the soldiers also recovered a cache of arms, ammunition, among other items.

The source said the feat was achieved between July 12 and 14.

According to him, troops of the 82 Division Task Force Battalion, in collaboration with Civilian Joint Task Force and hunters, killed a terrorist during an ambush at Ngoshe-Agapalwa in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State.

“Similarly, troops of I Brigade on patrol in Tsafe Local Government Area of Zamfara State also neutralised one terrorist and recovered a motorcycle.

“In a separate operation, troops of Operation Safe Haven neutralised two extremists and recovered arms, ammunition, and a motorcycle in Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State,” the source said.

The source also said troops of Operation Whirl Stroke rescued 10 kidnapped victims in Wukari Local Government Area of Taraba.

He added that another victim was rescued by troops of Defence Headquarters Special Operations Battalion and Chief of Army Staff Intervention Battalion in Gudu Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

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Also, the Defence Headquarters (DHQ) Assessment Team has commended Operation Fansan Yamma (OPFY) for sustaining pressure against terrorists and criminals in the Northwest and Northcentral.

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The assessment team leader from Defence Headquarters, Maj.-Gen. W.B. Idris, stated this during a visit to the OPFY headquarters in Gusau, Zamfara State.

A statement by the Media Information Officer, Captain David Adewusi said the leader of the team, Maj. Gen. Idris, praised the professionalism and coordination displayed by troops, including personnel of various security agencies involved in the ongoing OPFY operations.

He lauded the resilience and dedication of the troops, especially looking at the challenges of the terrain and the complex security threats they encountered daily.

Theatre Commander, Maj.-Gen Oluyinka Soyele, expressed his appreciation for the DHQ Team’s visit, describing it as a vital step towards strengthening field operations.

He reaffirmed his commitment to sustain operational effectiveness and emphasised the importance of motivating the troops and fostering seamless collaboration among all security stakeholders.

Maj. Gen. Idris later visited some frontline troops in Kwotorkoshi and Tsafe, in Bungudu and Tsafe Local Government Areas of Zamfara State.