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Soldiers kill 50 terrorists, avert attacks in Borno, Adamawa

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TROOPS conducting anti-terrorists campaign in the North-East Nigeria successfully averted attempted massive raid on villages in Borno and Adamawa states, at the weekend.

The terrorists, on their way to attack selected communities, were ambushed by troops on Biltu, Borno State, following intelligence report.

Director of Defence Information Major-General Chris Olukolade, who disclosed this on Monday, said the attack was launched on the terrorists as they filed out of the forest to embark on

their mission at about 10.00 p.m. on Saturday.

According to him, over 50 terrorists died in the fierce encounter that ensued, while 30 rifles, 36 hand grenades, seven machine guns and 11 rocket propelled grenade tubes were recovered by the troops.

He said the troops also recovered from the terrorists over 3,500 rounds of ammunition, six smoke grenade canisters and locally fabricated guns, as well as four vehicles used in the foiled attack.

Olukolade stated further that four soldiers wounded in the operation are currently receiving treatment.

Insecurity: Food scarcity looms in Borno

Borno State may likely witness food scarcity this year due to inability of farmers to go to their farms, because of the Boko Haram attacks on Borno villages.

A farmer from Gwoza, Mallam Tanko Umaru, who spoke with the Nigerian Tribune, said "we cannot go to our farm this farming season, because since last year, the Boko Haram insurgents have been terrorising farmers, killing our people and destroying our crops."

Another farmer in Damboa said "we cannot go to our farms again for fear of being attacked by the terrorists, even last year, they burnt our farm produce after harvest."

The people called on the Federal Government to equip the military so as to fight the insurgents.

SSS arrested Boko Haram impersonator

The Department of State Security Service (DSS) have arrested someone masquerading as a front for the Boko Haram sect.

This was disclosed in Abuja on Monday by the coordinator of the National Information Centre, Mr Mike Omeri.

Omeri said the suspect, currently undergoing interrogations, had been going about extorting money from some influential Nigerians.

He, however, advised Nigerians to be vigilant over the activities of such characters using Boko Haram as a franchise.

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