

Military dislodges more Boko Haram insurgents in Borno

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TROOPS of 154 Task Force Battalion of 29 Task Force Brigade have cleared Boko Haram insurgents' camp at Matali, Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State.

During the operation, some terrorists were killed, while weapons and improvised explosives-making devices were recovered.

The feat came after some terrorists, who made spirited attempt to attack troops' location using three VBIED at Mada, was successfully repelled.

During the attack, which was meant to thwart the troops advancement, 26 terrorists were killed, while three soldiers sustained injuries.

In addition, the troops recovered one VBIED loaded with IED material, two AK47, 111 rounds of 7.62mm (NATO) and 2 RPG bombs.

Similarly, troops of 21 Brigade also on fighting patrol at Firgi killed three Boko Haram terrorists, rescued three women and recovered a vehicle and other items, while the others fled into the Sambisa forest.

Meanwhile, the executive chairman of the Borno State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Alhaji Satomi Ahmed, said the agency has began training of 2,500 women displaced by Boko Haram insurgency on various "skills and trades" to be self-reliant and meet their basic family needs.

Addressing newsmen on Wednesday, in Maiduguri,

on the plights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in various camps. Ahmed disclosed that the beneficiaries were vulnerable women groups, drawn from 20 affected local government areas of the state and were taking refuge in the metropolis, the state capital.

According to him, in the course of the four months' training, the beneficiaries would be exposed to various skills, including tailoring, leather works, knitting, beads making and soap making.

He added that some persons would also be trained on computer programs, Global System of Mobile Communications (GSM) handsets repairs and installation of satellite dishes.