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ned closure of markets and schools in the area.

Troops foil attack at Dikwa IDP camps, kill 26 Boko Haram members

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TWENTY-SIX Boko Haram members, a soldier and a member of the local vigilante (Civilian JTF) lost their lives as the terrorists attempted to cause havoc at an internally displaced persons (IDPs) camp located at Dikwa, in the early hours of Thursday.

Also, three soldiers and four internally displaced persons sustained injuries during the encounter, while some of the terrorists escaped with gunshot wounds.

This was confirmed by the acting director in charge of Army Public Relations, Colonel Sani Usman.

He said the attempted attack on the camp followed dislodgement of the Boko Haram terrorists' camps in the border towns of Kumshe and Talala by joint opera-

tions of Nigerian and Cameroonian forces.

According to him, unknown to the fleeing Boko Haram terrorists, the Armed Forces Special Forces in blocking positions decisively dealt with the terrorists, killing many, while also recovering vehicle, arms and ammunition.

Usman noted that a military vehicle was damaged by a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) suicide bomber.

He said: "The troops recovered 26 bodies of Boko Haram terrorists, destroyed three VBIED, one MBIED and two gun trucks.

"The gallant troops recovered one gun truck mounted with an Anti-Aircraft Gun, one Dushka Anti-Aircraft Gun, one Browning Anti-Aircraft Gun, one Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) Tube.

"Others included one General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG), four AK 47 Rifles, three RPG Bombs, 36 Hand Grenades, one Smoke Grenade and eight AK-47 rifles magazines.

The troops also recovered 236 rounds of 12.7mm am-

munitions, 396 rounds of 7.62mm ammunitions and 101 rounds of 762mm (Special) ammunitions.

"The casualties have seen been evacuated, while the troops have been pursuing those terrorists that escaped with gunshot wounds.

"It is encouraging to note that despite loss of colleague and the vigilante, the troops had maintained dominating presence in the general area and are poised to continue to clear the remnants of the Boko Haram terrorists."

NAFDAC to screen imported beans

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THE National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) will henceforth screen beans imported into the country.

The acting Director-General of the agency, Mrs Yetunde Oni, at a one-day awareness /sensitisation workshop on safe and responsible use of regulated agricultural input for stake-

holders in the North-Central zone, said this held in Minna, on Thursday.

Oni highlighted that only beans screened by the agency would be allowed, not only into the country, but also the exported beans from Nigeria.

According to her, "we must recall that these banned beans produce that have been banned in the European Union (EU) were those ones that never passed through NAFDAC.

All the beans that passed through NAFDAC and issued European Union (EU) certification to, of food and health impact on Nigerians do not get rejected. The ones that have been banned were those ones that never passed through NAFDAC."

Mrs Oni, however, disclosed that "it is not entirely the function of NAFDAC, but the primary assignment of the Quarantine, which is under the Ministry of Agriculture, to look into beans, because it is an agricultural produce."

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