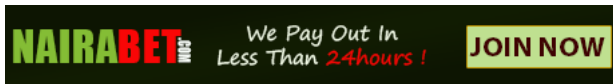


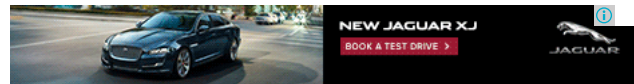
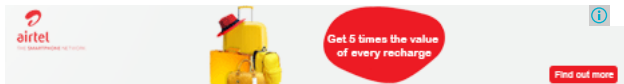
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A statement by acting Director, Army Public Relations, on Tuesday, said troops of 155 Task Force Battalion of 29 Task Force Brigade, while on clearance patrol on Banki junction, on Monday, encountered a Boko Haram terrorists ambush at Bolungu village, which was successfully cleared.

According to the statement, the troops killed all three attackers there and also recovered one Fabrique Nationale rifle with registration number UE16A86257 and 1G3 rifle with registration number 10f995, as well as 19 rounds of 7.62mm (NATO) ammunition.

"Similarly, some elements of the unit stationed in Mayanti encountered two fleeing Boko Haram terrorists from the villages cleared yesterday and killed one while trying to shoot the troops and arrested the other.

"The arrested suspected terrorist has been making very useful statements. The troops recovered five bicycles, bags of grains and other items," the statement read.

Also, the unit on Tuesday, also cleared more more Boko Haram terrorists' enclaves and hideouts at Gare village, around Sambisa forest. During the operation, the troops killed one terrorist, who attacked a soldier with cutlass and arrested four others.

The troops also rescued 36 people, comprising two men, nine women and 26 children and recovered two mobile phones.

In a related development, troops of 1 Division Nigerian Army, in conjunction with other security agencies, within the last one week, have recorded tremendous success in the fight against cattle rustling, armed banditry and criminality, particularly in the North west under the auspices of 'Operation SHARAN DAJI'.

According to acting Director, Army Public Relations, Colonel Sani Kukasheka Usman, in Kaduna State, the Division's Internal Security Force (DISFORCE) recovered 108 livestock, killed one armed bandit and recovered one AK-47 Rifle and 30 rounds of 7.62mm (Special) ammunition.

He added that in Zamfara State, which is 1 Brigade's area of operation, the troops recovered 419 livestock and arrested one bandit and recovered a locally made pistol from him.

Also, in Kano and Katsina states, 3 Brigade was also able to recover 677 livestock, destroyed 10 cattle rustlers and armed bandits camps and recovered four locally made pistols and seven dane guns. The troops also killed four cattle rustlers and arrested 14 other suspects.

The ongoing operations, according to him, were aimed at completely eradicating the menace of cattle rustling, armed banditry and other criminalities in the North-West geopolitical region of the country.

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