

Soldiers kill 2 female suicide bombers, arrest one in Borno

Army warns against harbouring Boko Haram insurgents on the run

TROOPS of Operation Lafiya Dole have failed an attempt by three female bombers to attack Gamboru town in Nigeria Local Government Area of Borno State, killing two of the suicide bombers and arresting the third one.

According to a statement by Colonel Onyema Nwachukwu, Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, Operation Lafiya Dole, troops deployed to Gamboru averted "what would have been a major devastating suicide attack" by three female Boko Haram insurgents.

He said troops on patrol intercepted two female suicide bombers while trying

to infiltrate the Unguwar Yobe area of Gamboru at about 6.45 a.m. on Tuesday.

Nwachukwu said the troops killed the insurgents and defused the Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) strapped to their bodies.

"A third female suicide bomber was intercepted within the same general area, she confessed that they were deployed at about 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday to unleash mayhem on Gamboru town.

"The suicide bomber also revealed the location where she hid her IED vest and led the troops to recover it.

"The recovered vests and the surviving suicide

bomber have been taken into custody for further interrogations," he said.

In another development, the Nigerian Army, on Wednesday, warned against providing sanctuary to fleeing Boko Haram insurgents in the North-East.

The army also called on the people to report suspicious persons in their communities to security agencies nearest to them.

Brigadier-General Sani Usman, the Director, Army Public Relations, gave the warning in a statement issued in Maiduguri, Borno state capital.

Usman said intelligence reports indicated that the insurgents were taking

refuge in dry wells and other hideouts to avoid the ongoing military offensive against them.

"This is to warn residents in the North-East not to harbour the remnants of Boko Haram terrorists who are trying to flee from their Waterloo.

"Credible intelligence revealed that many of the insurgents have resorted to taking refuge in dry wells and other hideouts in some communities along their escape routes from the Sambisa Forest in order to evade the sustained bombardments from air and ground troops of Operation Lafiya Dole.

"Any unpatriotic and un-

scrupulous persons especially in the North Eastern states of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe found providing sanctuaries or any assistance to the criminals will be treated as accomplices and given same treatment as terrorists," he said.

Itakpe-Ajaokuta-Warri rail line to begin activities in August

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TRANSPORTATION Minister, Rotimi Amaechi, said, on Wednesday, that the Itakpe-Ajaokuta-Warri standard gauge rail lines would commence commercial activities in August.

Harcourt standard gauge line before December.

Speaking on its present challenge, the minister said the Lagos-Ibadan rail line was being obstructed

The appointment takes immediate effect.

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