

Troops kill eight insurgents in fresh Baga attack

1 THE Nigerian Army on Sunday said its troops killed eight Boko Haram insurgents in a fresh encounter with the terrorists in Baga in Kukawa Local Government Area of Borno State, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

The Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, Colonel Onyema Nwachukwu, in a statement in Maiduguri, the state capital, disclosed that troops of the Special Forces Command on Saturday repelled the insurgents' attack and inflicted heavy casualties of men and equipment on the terrorists.

Nwachukwu said that the troops successfully killed five insurgents in two mounted gun trucks, a suicide bomber and two other terrorists on an Improvised Explosive Device (IEDs)-borne vehicle.

He said the combined Special Forces troops of the Nigerian Army, Navy and the Air Force operating under the auspices of Operation Lafiya Dole inflicted "devastating man and equipment casualties on the Boko Haram terrorists on Saturday.

"The terrorists, armed with two gun trucks, a vehicle laden with IEDs and a suicide bomber, met their Waterloo while frantically fighting to break into the

formidable defensive position of the troops.

"The gallant troops responded swiftly in a fierce counter offensive, unleashing superior and overwhelming firepower on the terrorists, killing five of them, including a driver and a gunner firing from a gun truck," he said.

Nwachukwu added that the gallant troops destroyed one gun truck and an IED-carrying vehicle and also recovered one anti-aircraft gun and three AK-47 rifles.

He said that the troops were in high spirit and continued pursuit of the terrorists who fled the scene of the encounter.

The army spokesman recalled that the Special Forces had, in the past few days, dealt a deadly blow on the terrorists in a battle in which they attempted to contest the control of Baga town.

2 In a related development, the army, on Sunday, said its troops killed two Boko Haram insurgents in the on-going clearance operation at

Kajeri community in Mafa Local Government Area of Borno State.

According to the NAN, Colonel Nwachukwu, said the troops also recovered ammunition, while rescuing two aged women from the insurgents' captivity.

Nwachukwu said the insurgents were killed on Saturday by troops of the 112 Task Force Battalion on clearance operation in the general area of Zaza, Kajeri-Maye, and Kajeri-Maiburem villages in Mafa.

"The terrorists who had infiltrated Kajeri-Maye village to unleash mayhem on the communities ran out of luck, as the vigilant troops projected their clearance operation to the village and fiercely engaged them in combat, killing two of them.

"During the operation, the gallant troops rescued two women who had been held hostage by the terrorists. The rescued women were handed over to officials of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp in Mafa,"

he said.

According to Nwachukwu, the troops also recovered one primed 36-handmade, two dane gun locally-fabricated short-reled gun, and two phones.

Other items also recovered by the troops include one AK-47 rifle magazine, rounds of anti-aircraft ammunition, 27 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition and 22 rounds of 7.62mm NATO ammunition.

The army spokesman said the troops were already in the pursuit of the other insurgents who escaped.

He said troops will continue with the clearance operations to flush out the remnants of the terrorists hiding in the area.

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SENIOR Special Assistant to Gombe State governor on New Media, Abu-Umar Kuna, has said that it is true that the governor is under probe.

A statement made available to the **Nigerian Tribune** in Kaduna, on Monday, and signed by Kuna, contended that the



From left, President of Lagos Country Club, Mr. Tajudeen Akande; the Akarigbo and Paramount Ruler of Remoland, HRM Oba Adewale Ajayi, business tycoon, Sir Kesington Adebute, his wife, Kofoworola and trustee of the club, Aare Kola Oyefeso at the commissioning of the Club's new Gate House, in Ikeja Lagos, recently.