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Troops rescue 31 women, children from Boko Haram terrorists in Borno

THE Nigerian Army says its troops have rescued 31 persons comprising 14 women and 17 children at Mantari, Malam Masari and Gab-chari Villages in Bama Local Government Area (LGA) of Borno State.

Nigerian Army Operations media coordinator, Col. Aminu Iliyasu, stated this in a statement on Monday in Abuja, according to the

News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

Iliyasu said that the successful ambush operation conducted by the troops of 21 Special Armoured Brigade on Dec. 4 at Darel Jamel, Bama LGA of Borno led to the rescue.

He added that the troops killed a number of Boko Haram terrorists while several others escaped with gun-

shot wounds during the encounter.

According to him, the combined troops of 68/94 Battalions of Operation Lafiya Dole also uncovered a Boko Haram enclave and engaged it with devastating volumes of fire at Malam Fatori in Abadam LGA.

"Without any attempt to return fire, the cowardly criminals scampered into

the nearby bushes in complete disarray.

"Subsequently, the troops immediately embarked on an exploitation of this success by pursuing them along their withdrawal route.

"During the said exploitation, troops discovered a body of one Boko Haram terrorist and further observed several trails of blood along the said route.

"Additionally, two AK-47 rifles, two AK-47 rifle magazines loaded with 30 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition each and three unexploded mortar bombs for making Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were captured from the insurgents.

"Other items equally captured include, one bundle of IED cable, one IED battery, one camel bag, three motor-

cycles, three sets of overall cloths, bedding materials, cooking utensils, food items, motorcycle spare parts, 122 cylinder tubes and various mechanical tools," he said.

Iliyasu also disclosed that troops of 144 Battalion engaged and neutralised three insurgents at Limankara in Gwoza during a failed attempt to infiltrate the troops' location on Dec. 3.