

Primary school teachers from Soba Local Government Area, Kaduna State, protesting the non-payment of their four months salary in Kaduna. Photo: NAN.

## Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists suffer more defeat, surrender in North-East

Nigerian Army troops of **Operation Lafiya Dole** (OPLD) have inflicted devastating defeat on Boko Haram and Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists in the North-East.

The Nigerian Army Operations Media Coordinator, Colonel Aminu Iliyasu, made the disclosure in a statement on Sunday in Abuja, according to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)**.

Iliyasu disclosed that the troops recorded successes in the ongoing clearance operations in the theatre of operations in the North-East.

He said the troops had sustained the recent defeat inflicted on the terrorists with more rigour in Damboa and

Garkida towns of Borno and Adamawa states, respectively.

Iliyasu noted that the devastating defeat suffered by the insurgents had continued to widen the cracks and animosity exposed recently within the rank and file of the Boko Haram sect on one hand and between it and its rival splinter sect on the other.

He said: "This is providing the troops with the much-needed tonic to continue to decimate the terrorists in a bid to expeditiously end their obnoxious activities."

"It will be recalled that on March 11 the gallant troops of Strong Response Area Gubio, successfully repelled

a Boko Haram attack.

"During the encounter, the troops dealt a decisive blow on the marauding criminals, neutralised two of them and captured one AK-47 rifle."

"Subsequent exploitation by the troops along the withdrawal route of the insurgents in the early hours of March 12 led to the discovery of additional five shattered bodies of the terrorists from the encounter."

"One burnt Boko Haram terrorists gun truck, one PKT machine gun, two AK-47 rifles, three AK-47 rifle magazines and 67 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition were also recovered."

Iliyasu revealed that two Boko Haram terrorists: Musa

Mohammed, 21-year-old and Maina Liman, 35-year-old, surrendered to the troops of 202 Battalion at Tashan Goto in Bama Local Government Area on March 5.

He said the surrendered terrorists confessed that they worked for Nakib (a Boko Haram Captain) at Bula Umar village.

The army spokesman further disclosed that the troops recovered two AK-47 rifles with magazines and eight rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition from the surrendered terrorists.

He added that the surrendered terrorists further revealed that a number of their members were killed by the troops in recent times.