

Troops eliminate 35 Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists in Borno, 200 bandits in Zamfara, Katsina

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THE military high command on Sunday said troops had once again killed no fewer than 35 Boko Haram/Islamic West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists in multiple operations carried out by personnel of Operation Lafia Dole in Borno State, while over 200 bandits were killed via air strikes in Zamfara and Katsina states.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen in Abuja by the Coordinator, Defence Media Operations (DMO), Major-General John Enenche.

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The statement said: "In continuation of Operation Lafia Dole subsidiary Operation Kantana Jimlan, troops of Army Super Camp 6 and 7 conducted long range fighting patrol on May 11 and cleared Adzunge and adjoining villages."

It added that troops of Special Response Area Pulka with the Civilian Joint Task Force and hunters ambushed the terrorists on May 13 along Pulka-Boko-Kirawa Road and killed eight terrorists, while 10 motorcycles and food items were seized.

The statement reads: "On

May 15, troops of 192 Battalion ambushed terrorists relocating from Sambisa forest to Mandara mountains due to the heavy air and artillery bombardments during which five of them were killed.

"Same day, troops of 22 Brigade deployed at Dikwa, in conjunction with troops from Quick Response Area, neutralised two terrorists who attempted to attack troops' location from Boboshe; others fled with gunshot wounds.

"Between May 19 and 20, following the Gajigana attack, troops of 7 Division Garrison, 195 and 212 Battalions with

vigilance group members exploited and discovered five terrorists killed in action.

"In all, 35 terrorists were killed and 11 AK-47 rifles and 17 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, one pair of Boko Haram/ISWAP uniform, two cartridges, two Boko Haram gun trucks, one anti-aircraft gun, six assorted magazines, 250 rounds of 12.7 mm, 61 rounds of 7.62 mm and two hand grenades were recovered from the bandits.

"In another operation, troops of Special Response Area Pulka with Civilian Joint Task Force and hunters ambushed terrorists on May

20, along Pulka-Dirgi-Banki General Area. In the encounter, two Boko Haram/ISWAP fighters were killed while others escaped with gunshot wounds.

"Furthermore, on May 21, troops of 81 Division Task Force under 22 Brigade and 153 Task Force Battalion with the Civilian Joint Task Force cleared Mugdala village during an operation in which eight Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists were eliminated.

The air strikes in Zamfara and Katsina states were executed by the Air Component of Operation Hadarin Daji after series of Intelligence,

Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions which led to the confirmation that two locations were being used as hideouts for some armed bandits and also served as collection points for rustled cattle.

Major-General Enenche stated that consequently, troops engaged the armed bandits in the multiple air strikes conducted at Ibrahim Mai'Bai's Camp in Jibia Local Government Area of Katsina State and Kurmin Kura in Zurmi Local Government Area of Zamfara State on May 22 and 23 and killed close 200 of them.

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