

## Troops kill key Boko Haram/ISWAP leaders, 72 fighters in North-East

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THE Defence Headquarters (DHQ) on Wednesday said that troops of **Operation Lafiya Dole** had killed more key leaders of the Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorist groups alongside 72 fighters in the

renewed efforts to end insurgents' activities in the country.

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

Major-General Enenche explained that the operation was carried out in

a counter-attack against terrorists on May 26, after which human intelligence reports confirmed the death of the high-ranking commanders of the Abubakar Shekau's faction of Boko Haram.

He explained further that the operation was carried out following the terrorists' failed attack on troops' lo-

cation at Banki Junction and Response Area, Firgi, within the 7 Division strike.

"The Boko Haram/ISWAP commanders who were killed include Manzar Halid, Amir Abu Fatima, Nicap, among others, alongside 72 other members of the sect.

"Others wounded with narrow chances of survival include high-profile command-

ers and fighters Abu Jamratu Al-Naweer, Kaka Bana, Tareta Babakari, among others," the statement said.

It added that a large number of the terrorists' equipment, including gun trucks, motorcycles and bicycles, was destroyed by troops in collaboration with the air task force.

The statement pointed out

that credible information indicated that following the development, the terrorists' camp became embroiled in chaos and is presently unable to conduct any offensive due to heavy losses, while the blockade of their spy routes, networks, crossing points and logistic supplies had further crippled them.

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