

Troops neutralise 5 Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists, rescue kidnapped victims in Borno

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THE Defence Headquarters (DHQ) on Monday said that in continuation of the aggressive clearance operations to stamp out insurgent activities in the North-East region, troops of **Operation Lafiya Dole** over the weekend killed five members of the Boko Haram/ Islamic West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists at Hamdaga Markaranta town in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno

State.

This is just as troops also raided bandits' camps in Benue and Nasarawa states, killed one and apprehended four other suspects.

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

In Borno State, Major-General Enenche explained that the operation was carried out on Sunday by troops of 192 Battalion, supported by the Air Task Force of **Operation Lafiya Dole**, who raided

the location.

He said acting on credible intelligence on the activities of Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists at Hamdaga Markaranta town, the troops struck accordingly.

He said during the operation, the troops overwhelmed the terrorists, killing five, while others escaped with gunshot wounds.

He further said the troops also cleared nine identified isolated terrorists' structures and farmlands in the area.

Major-General Enenche stated further that troops also rescued seven kidnap

victims comprising two females and five children.

Major-General Enenche said other operations were conducted by troops deployed at Guma in Benue and Keana in Nasarawa State.

He said that a dawn raid on bandits' camp at Guma forest along the Benue-Nasarawa border led to the killing of one bandit, adding that others fled the area with gunshot wounds.

According to him, troops also recovered one AK-47 rifle, one AK-47 magazine, one locally-made pistol and three

mobile phones from the scene, while the camp was subsequently destroyed.

"Similarly, troops of Sector 1 deployed at Gagbe in Gwer West Local Government Area of Benue conducted another dawn raid on another suspected armed bandits' hideout at Tse Agi in the general area.

"The gallant troops stormed the hideout and apprehended four suspects, while one AK-47 rifle, two AK-47 magazines and 46 rounds of 7.62 mm special ammunition were also recovered at the location."