

Troops overrun Boko Haram/ISWAP hideouts, eliminate scores in N/East

THE Defence Headquarters has said that the land and air components of Operation Lafiya Dole have successfully overran many Boko Haram/Islamic States of West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists' hideouts in one week in the North-East.

According to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), the coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Major-General John Enenche, said this while giving weekly update on the activities of the military across theatres of operation on Thursday in Abuja.

General Enenche said the troops conducted aggressive clearance operations including artillery and aerial bombardments on terrorists' hideouts at different locations within the theatre of operation between October 15 and 21.

He also said that the troops successfully denied the terrorists freedom of action as well as reduced their opera-

tional capabilities with superior firepower.

General Enenche disclosed that the troops had on October 16, eliminated four terrorists and recovered four AK47 rifles during clearance operations at Sawa village in Nganzai Local Government Area of Borno State.

He added that the Air Task Force also conducted series of air interdiction and surveillance missions leading to the destruction of terrorists' hideouts and elimination of

scores of their terrorists.

According to him, air strikes executed on October 15, destroyed some terrorists' structures and logistics items at TudunWulgo and Tumbun Gini Villages on the fringes of Lake Chad.

"The air strikes led to the neutralisation of several ISWAP fighters and destruction of the identified structures with their logistics facilities.

Similarly, on Oct. 18, air interdiction missions killed

scores of ISWAP members and destroyed their hideouts in Tsilala Village near Kaza in the Diwa general area of Borno.

"In another development, sustained air strikes executed on Oct. 19, decimated several ISWAP training camps and their logistics storage facilities at Tumbun Barorowa, also on the fringes of the Lake Chad," he said.

The coordinator said that the recent downward trend in kinetic operations in the

North East was a direct result of superior operational capabilities of the Nigerian military and cooperation from the populace.

"Thus, as the High Command of the Military appreciates the general public for their support.

"It further solicits their co-operation towards providing credible and timely information on terrorists' activities to facilitate proactive engagements in our operations in the North East," he said.

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