

Troops kill 8 terrorists, rescue victims in North East

THE Defence Headquarter says troops of Operation Fire Ball have eliminated eight Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists in recent encounter in the North East.

According to the *New Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*, the Acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Brigadier-General Bernard Onyeuko, in a statement on Tuesday, said Operation Fire Ball was a subsidiary operation under Operation Lafiya Dole.

Onyeuko added that the troops also rescued a woman and three children just as they recovered large cache of arms during the encounter across the theatre of operation.

He disclosed that the troop had between November 7 and 8 thwarted attempts by Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists to infiltrate Buni Gari town in Yobe State and eliminated five of them.

According to him, troops recovered one fabricated (VBL) Armoured Personnel Carrier, one guntruck, one NSVT Anti-Aircraft Gun, one OJC Anti-Aircraft Gun, one Rocket Propelled Grenade Tube, one PKT gun, one GPMG, one QJC Extra Barrel, six AK-47 rifles, 31 rounds of 7.62mm NATO ammunition from the encounter.

Onyeuko also disclosed that troops of 151 Task Force Battalion deployed in Miyant in Bama Local Government Area of Borno State, destroyed terrorists' hideout and rescued one woman and three children on November 8.

He added that two bicycle and other items were recovered from the fleeing insurgents.

Meanwhile, the Nigerian Army says the computer-based pre-selection examination for Short Service Combatant 47/2020 (SSC 47) and Direct Short Service Commission 26/2020 (DSSC 26) will hold on November 14 in 15 centres nationwide.

The acting Director, Army Public Relations, Colonel Saghi Musa, disclosed this in a statement issued on Tuesday in Abuja.