

Troops eliminate two most wanted Boko Haram commanders, bandits in Borno, Kaduna

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THE Nigerian Army headquarters said at the weekend that the troops of 'Operation Tura Takaibango' have eliminated two most wanted Boko Haram leaders, Abul-Bas and Ibn Habib, in an encounter at Pulka axis of Borno State, in its renewed efforts to end insurgency in the country.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen in Abuja by the Director, Army Public

Relations, Brigadier-General Mohammed Yerima.

He added that three terrorists, including the two most wanted commanders, were killed during the ambush.

"Abul-Bas and Ibn Habib were among the top commanders of the Shekau faction operating in Sambisa forest and its environs.

"The two terrorist commanders have been on intelligence watchlist for some time.

"Abul-Bas was a top commander second to Abu Fatima

while Ibn Habib was the BHT commander in charge of Njimia and Parisu camps in the Sambisa Forest," he said.

In a related development, troops of the 271 Nigerian Air Force (NAF) detachment foiled an ambush set up by a group of over 100 bandits at Ungwan Laya near Birnin Gwari in Kaduna State in the concerted efforts to liquidate insurgency and banditry in the country by the Armed Forces of Nigeria.

This was contained in a

statement made available to newsmen in Abuja at the weekend by the Director of Public Relations and Information of the Nigerian Air Force (NAF), Air Vice Marshal Ibikunle Daramola.

He said the operation was executed on Saturday during which the gallant troops were able to fight their way through the ambush after killing dozens of the bandits in the process, adding, however, that some NAF personnel were killed during the operation.