

Troops kill 41 terrorists, rescue 60 captives in Borno

1 THE Nigerian Army says troops of Operation Lafia Dole killed over 41 Boko Haram and ISWAP terrorists in an encounter at Gulwa and Musuri in Gamboru Ngala Local Government Area of Borno State, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

2 This is just as several terrorists were also killed in the Lake Chad area.

The Director, Army Public Relations, Brigadier-General Mohammed Yerima, in a statement on Monday, said the success was recorded in the early hours of Monday.

Yerima said 60 captives were rescued from the terrorists, and sophisticated weapons were recovered during the encounter.

He said the troops engaged the terrorists at Musuri in a firefight that lasted about 45 minutes, leading to the killing of 41 terrorists as a result of the superior firepower of the troops.

"Items recovered from the obliterated fighters include 12 AK-47 rifles, eight Fabric Nationale (FN) rifles, a motorcycle, six bicycles, mechanic tool boxes, a sewing machine, large quantity of batteries used for making of Improvised Explosive Devices and sex enhancement drugs, among other things."

Also, in another statement, Brigadier-General Yerima said another encounter with troops took place around the fringes of the Tumbus of Lake

Chad region, and it led to the destruction of terrorists' gun trucks and recovery of large cache of arms and ammunition.

He said that the combined troops of Sector 2 advanced and cleared Daban Massara and Ali Sherifti villages, among other settlements before they harbored for replenishment and retrofitting along the axis.

"The troops had started the second phase of their operations and advancing along the Kukawa-Monguno road, about 14 kilometers to their base, when they sighted terrorists' gun trucks and swiftly commenced pursuit with heavy fire and deft manouver.

"In the course of the hot pursuit, which was aided by air cover provided by the Air Task Team of Operation Lafia Dole, several terrorists were neutralised and their gun trucks destroyed.

"Unfortunately, however, one officer and three gallant soldiers paid the supreme sacrifice, while those wounded in action are currently receiving medical attention at 7 Division Medical Services and Hospital in Maimalari Cantonment.

"Members of the public are assured that the troops are on top of the situation and working assiduously to end the insurgency and terrorism in the country in line with the directives of the Chief of Army Staff," he said.

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