

Troops kill 48 Boko Haram terrorists, rescue kidnapped victims

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TROOPS of the Nigerian Army have killed 48 Boko Haram terrorists during combats in two villages in Borno State.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen in Abuja by the Director of Army Public Relations, Brigadier-General Mohammed Yerima, where he added that the troops also rescued several

kidnapped victims.

Brigadier-General Yerima said: "Nigerian Army troops deployed in Chibok under 28 Task Force Brigade of Sector 1, Operation Lafiya Dole have neutralised scores of Boko Haram terrorists in an ambush along Chibok-Damboa axis of Borno State.

"The troops achieved the feat while acting on credible intelligence that some remnants of insurgents were fleeing due to the intensity of troops' opera-

tions in Sambisa forest."

Yerima explained that the troops laid an ambush, engaged and overwhelmed the criminals with aggressive firepower, neutralising nine terrorists in the process, while several others escaped with fatal gunshot wounds.

He said the troops also recovered seven AK-47 rifles and freed three kidnapped victims.

According to him, in another encounter, troops of

28 Task Force Brigade located in Askira laid an ambush along Askira-Chibok Main Supply Route (MSR) and neutralised 39 terrorists.

He said: "In the course of the encounter, troops successfully rescued eight kidnapped victims from the terrorists.

"Unfortunately, however, one of the kidnapped victims sustained an injury to his leg while in the hands of his abductors and he has since been conveyed to a

military medical facility for immediate treatment. "During the operation, troops recovered another eight AK-47 rifles with four magazines, among other items.

"The gallant troops are presently dominating the area with aggressive patrols and are equally on a trail of fleeing terrorists in order to locate and neutralise them."

He stated that the Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant-General Ibrahim Attahiru,

appreciated the gallantry and dexterity of the troops and urged them to remain dogged and maintain their offensive posture in all operations until the area was rid of all remnants of terrorists.

He also appreciated members of the public for their continuous support and enjoined them to continue to provide credible information to troops and other security agencies operating within their localities.