

# Troops eliminate six ISWAP terrorists in Borno

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THE Nigerian Army on Thursday said in its renewed efforts to end insurgency in the country, troops of 25 Brigade operating under the aegis of Joint Task Force, North-East, Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK), have neutralised four terrorists of the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) in Borno State.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen in Abuja by the

Director of Army Public Relations, Brigadier-General Onyema Nwachukwu.

Nwachukwu explained that the terrorists, who were spying on the Damboa-Bulabulin-Maiduguri road on Wednesday, ran into a patrol team at Kukawa and were neutralised in the fire fight that ensued.

He added that on further exploitation after the encounter, the troops recovered from the terrorists, four AK-47 rifles and four maga-

zines, each loaded with 30 rounds of 7.62mm (Special) ammunition.

Nwachukwu further explained that in a separate operation, troops of 195 Battalion, Sector 1, OPHK, in conjunction with elements of Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) at Dusman-Muna Garage, Borno State eliminated two ISWAP terrorists in an ambush operation conducted along an identified ISWAP terrorists' crossing point at Musari village.

According to him, the

troops also captured and destroyed an ISWAP logistics vehicle conveying assorted goods and contraband items to the terrorist group.

"Items recovered by troops from the terrorists' vehicle are two bags of hemp (cannabis sativa), two bags of detergent, 120 packets of mosquito coils, 12 mosquito nets and five textile materials.

"Other items recovered are two bicycles, two bags of beans, a bag of corn and some quantities of fish."