

Troops overrun more terrorists' enclaves, kill scores

TROOPS of the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) operating under **Operation Lake Sanity** have overrun more terrorists' enclaves on the fringes of Lake Chad, killed scores and rescued hostages, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

The Chief of Military Public Information for MNJTF, Colonel Muhammad Dole, said this in a statement on Wednesday in Ndamena Chad.

Dole said the clearance operation was carried out in the vicinity of Tumbun

Fulani and Tumbun Rago by the troops of Forward Operations Base Arege in close coordination with the Air Task Force (ATF).

He said the operations led to the neutralisation of no fewer than 20 terrorists, adding that the ground forces advanced and reached Tumbun Fulani but could not access Tumbun Rago due to marshy terrain.

Dole said the criminals on sighting the advancing troops fled and abandoned their checkpoint, pulled off their uniforms and left their rifles and other equipment

behind.

According to him, Tumbun Rago was found deserted with corpses of Boko Haram members and a shallow grave containing Boko Haram corpses discovered, as the criminals beat a hasty retreat.

"At the end of the earlier battle engagement around Tumbun Fulani and Tumbun Rago, six traumatised female hostages managed to escape and were found by troops who brought them to their location.

"They were professionally handled and given medical

care in the bush."

He also said that the MNJTF troops of Sector 4 (Niger Republic), engaged a group of fleeing Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists at Ngagam-Kabalewa and N'guigmi and neutralised five in another encounter.

MNJTF spokesman added that two terrorists' gun trucks were destroyed while a large cache of arms and ammunition were recovered.

According to him, one soldier paid supreme sacrifice and few others were wounded in action.

10 feared killed as 100 fishermen There noticed