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② Troops kill five terrorists in N'East, recover weapons

THE Defence Headquarters has said troops of 24 Task Force Brigade operating under **Operation Hadin Kai** have eliminated five Boko Haram terrorists in an encounter at Gamage Village in Borno.

statement on Thursday, said the encounter took place on July 3. He said the troops recovered two AK-47 rifles, three dane guns, two AK-47 magazines, 70 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition and seven locally-fabricated rounds of 7.62mm ammunition.

According to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)**, the Director, Defence Media Operations, Major-General Bernard Onyeuko, in a He added that four mobile phones, three ATM cards and several bags of assorted food stuff were also recovered.

In the maritime domain, Onyeuko said the Nigerian Navy Ship 'Okpabana' of Operation Delta Safe had on July 5, rescued the 16 meters surfer passenger boat, MV Nue Swift, belonging to a Lagos-based oil service company.

He said the troops responded to a distress mes-

sage about propulsion of a boat on transit.

He added that the boat lost her propelling ability at Agbara Platform while transiting from Forcados to Bonny Mooring and drifted for 32 hours before it was rescued.

According to him, the crew and boat were handed over to Forward Base Operation Bonny on Wednesday.