

Troops kill 60 Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists, arrest over 90 others in N'East

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THE Defence Headquarters (DHQ) on Thursday said that its troops, in conjunction with other sister security agencies, had killed 60 Boko Haram/Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) terrorists and arrested over 90 other criminal elements in the North-East zone of the country.

The Director, Defence Media Operations (DMO), Major-General Musa Danmadami, disclosed this while updating newsmen at the bi-weekly briefing on the activities of troops and other security agencies at the various theatres of operations in the six geo-political zones.

Danmadami said apart from the 90 suspected terrorists arrested, about 145 others, including their

family members, also surrendered to troops in the past two weeks.

He explained that the feats were recorded through kinetic and non-kinetic operations being conducted by troops in their areas of responsibilities (AORs).

He further added that during the period under review, various stolen petroleum products amounting to N2,435,021,343.94 were also recovered from oil thieves in the Niger Delta region.

The defence spokesperson said: "On October 24, troops, in conjunction with Civilian Joint Task Force at Customs Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp at Shuwari town in Maiduguri Local Government Area of Borno State, arrested one suspect in possession of 67 Permanent Voter Cards (PVCs).

"Cumulatively, within the weeks under review,

oil thieves were denied a total of 54,547 barrels of crude oil, 817, 900 litres of Automotive Gas Oil, 5,000 litres of Premium Motor Spirit and 10,000 litres of Dual Purpose Kerosene amounting to the sum of N2,435,021,343.94."

In the North-East zone, he said troops of **Operation Hadin Kai** sustained operational activities in villages, mountains, towns and cities within their area of responsibility, adding that between October 20 and November 2, troops conducted ambushes, clearance operations, fighting patrols and cordon-and-search operations at different locations in Bama, Kukawa, Kaga and Biu local government areas in Borno State, as well as Damaturu, Gujba and Geidam local government areas in Yobe State.

He said, "Troops arrested 27 suspected Boko Haram/

Islamic State of West Africa Province terrorists, neutralised 19 and recovered one Rocket-Propelled Grenade (RPG) bomb, one GPMG, 2 by 36 hand grenades, six AK-47 rifles, 61 rounds of 7.62mm special, 36 refilled 7.62 mm special, three AK-47 magazines and three magazine holders.

"Others are six motorcycles, seven bicycles, one pumping machine, six grinding machines, nine mobile phones, six 25 litres jerry cans of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), bag of grains, motorcycle accessories, foodstuff, one baofeng radio and N10,660."

"During the period in focus, a total of 145 Boko Haram terrorists and their families, comprising 30 adult males, 33 adult females and 82 children surrendered to troops at different locations within the North East theatre of operation."