

## Troops eliminate 140 terrorists, arrest 57 others in Borno

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TROOPS of the Multi National Joint Task Force (MN-JTF), have killed 140 Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) insurgents and arrested 57 others in Marte Local Government Area of Borno.

The Force Commander, Major-General Ibrahim Ali, said this on Tuesday at a news conference in Maiduguri.

Ali said the feat was recorded sequel to series of air interdiction at Tumbun Fulani and other locations in continuation of decisive offensive aimed at clearing remnants of the insurgents hibernating on the shores of the Lake Chad.

He said: "Operation Lake Sanity 2 air interdictions have been highly effective. These aerial operations conducted by national Airforces from Chad, Nigeria and Cameroon have led to destruction of crucial terrorist logistic bases and staging areas.

"It is particularly around Tumbun Fulani and other key locations. Over 140 terrorists were neutralised during these air strikes."

He said that 176 terrorists surrendered while 57 others were arrested for alleged terrorism.

The troops, recovered cache of weapons including 796 rounds of ammunition, one PKM machine gun, five AK-47 rifles, two motorcycles, eight magazines, among others.

"Since April 23, the dedi-

cated troops have been relentless in their efforts, recently clearing some locations such as Doron Naira, Zanari, Bagadaza and other key terrorist's strongholds in Lake Chad area.

"It is essential to acknowledge the sacrifices made during this phase; regrettably, we have recorded six casualties among the multinational troops since the operation began.

"Therefore, let me use this forum to further extend our deepest condolences and prayers for their eternal rest. Their bravery and sacrifice shall not be forgotten," he said, adding that the success of Operation Lake Sanity II, is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our troops."

He said the successes recorded by the troops through sustained operations is a critical step towards restoring peace and stability in the region.

"We also want to acknowledge the support provided by national operations such as Operation Emergency 4 in Cameroon, Operation Hadin Kai in Nigeria, the Chadian national operations and Sector 4 in Diffa, Niger Republic.

"These operations have been instrumental as a blocking force for Operation Lake Sanity II. Likewise, we express our gratitude to the media for your continuous support and cooperation as we proceed with our operations. We will keep you updated," Ali said.