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# Boko Haram kills seven soldiers, 54 in Borno village

## •Air Force, Army kill over 45 terrorists in Borno, Katsina

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① BOKO Haram militants have killed more than 60 people, including seven soldiers, in a night-time assault on Dar Jamel village, Bama Local Government Area of Borno State, residents confirmed on Saturday.

This is just as the Air Component of Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK), in concert with ground troops, killed more than 30 terrorists in a decisive joint operation in the same area.

The terrorist attack occurred in a community where residents had only returned last month after years of displacement caused by insurgency.

Speaking to Sunday Tribune, a resident who fled to Bama town after the assault, Haji Modu, said 61 people were killed in the attack.

"We don't know the whereabouts of many of

our neighbours and their children," he said. "The attackers went from house to house to kill men, but they did not kill women."

Borno State governor, Babagana Zulum, who visited the community on Saturday, commiserated with the people and prayed for the repose of those who lost their lives.

He condemned the killings and assured that both the state and the Federal Government would redouble efforts to safeguard citizens across the state.

② Meanwhile, the Director, Public Relations and Information, Nigerian Air Force (NAF), Air Commodore Ehimen Ejodame, said the NAF troops killed over 30 terrorists in the area in the operation conducted on Friday following reports of heavy terrorist engagement against friendly forces.

He said the air component, acting swiftly on the situa-

tion report, deployed an Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) and Air Interdiction (AI) mission.

According to him, the aircrew established contact with ground forces in Banki, who confirmed that reinforcements were already moving to support troops.

"On arrival at Dar Jamel, the aircrew visually identified friendly forces before ISR scans revealed terrorists fleeing northwards from the town towards nearby bushes.

③ "In a series of three precise and successive strikes, the fleeing terrorists were decisively engaged, resulting in the neutralisation of over 30 insurgents.

"Shortly afterwards, reinforcement troops arrived at the location, secured the area, and stabilised the situation," he said.

Ejodame said the coordinated success highlighted the seamless synergy be-

tween air and ground forces, underscoring the effectiveness of joint efforts in counterterrorism operations.

This, according to him, also reinforces the NAF's resolve to dismantle terrorist networks, protect vulnerable communities, and restore lasting peace to the North-East and beyond.

"The NAF, working closely with sister services and other security agencies, reassures Nigerians that it will continue to take deliberate and collaborative actions to ensure the safety and security of all citizens across the country," he said.

④ In a related development, the Nigerian Army said troops eliminated 15 terrorists in Katsina State, apprehended 13 suspects in Kaduna, and recovered weapons from armed herders in Benue State between Friday and Saturday.

A credible source at Army Headquarters disclosed to

newsmen in Abuja that air and ground offensives were carried out at Zango High Ground in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State, where troops destroyed terrorists' hideouts after airstrikes and ground assaults.

According to the source, intercepted communications confirmed that 15 terrorists were killed, while several others were wounded.

"In Kaduna metropolis, troops of 1 Division Garrison apprehended 13 suspects with illicit drugs in joint operations with police and other agencies, raided black spots in Unguwan Dosa, Unguwan Yero, Kwaru and Malajisa areas..

⑤ "In Sokoto State, troops foiled terrorist activities in Sabon Birni and Wurno local government areas, rescuing a driver.

"However, four suspected terrorists were lynched by locals in Kaura Village, while

three others were rescued and handed to the police.

"Two suspected terrorist informants were also arrested in Gudu Local Government Area," he said.

⑥ The source said the troops of Operation Whirl Stroke killed one armed herder during clearance operations in Logo Local Government Area of Benue.

The source added that an AK-47 rifle, 19 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition and other items were recovered.

According to the source, the troops also responded to clashes in Kwande and Guma local government areas, defusing tensions and evacuating an injured farmer to hospital.

"The Nigerian Army said troops remain on aggressive patrols across theatres to deny terrorists freedom of action and ensure security of lives and property," he added.

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