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Patheke is opposing the decision of his party, the APC to replace Audu with Mr. Yahaya Bello, whom the Independent National Electoral Commission declared as the eventual winner of the election last Saturday.

B'Haram fighters

NIGERIAN Troops have intercepted and killed many Boko Haram terrorists while trying to escape from the onslaught on the Sambisa Forest.

In a statement, the Acting Director, Army Public Relations, Col. Sani Usman, on Wednesday, said the insurgents were "decisively dealt with" while trying to escape through Pulka.

He said many of the terrorists were killed during the encounter while one of them was captured alive.

Usman said the soldiers also recovered a General Purpose Machine Gun, several rounds of 7.62mm (NATO) ammunition, 47 rifle magazines, 36 hand grenades and quite a number of Shilka gun empty shells from the terrorists.

He said troops had, last Wednesday, also recovered a Toyota Hilux vehicle, two boxes of 7.62mm ammunition and some Improvised Explosives making Devices cords during an encounter in Buni Yadi general area.