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Troops capture B'Haram spiritual base in Borno

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AFTER 10 days of sustained attacks on Alargano, the spiritual headquarters of Boko Haram in Borno State, the Nigerian military says its troops have successfully captured the town.

Addressing a press conference in Maiduguri on Tuesday, the Theatre Commander of Operation Lafiya Dole, the counter-insurgency operations in the North-East, Maj. Gen. Lucky Irabor, said the troops' offensive against insurgents in Alargano, which started on March 18, was successfully concluded on Monday.

He said the Nigerian Air Force bombardments assisted the troops of the 3 and 7 Division of the Nigerian Army.

Irabor said the troops' advance was halted on several occasions due to planted Improvised Explosive Devices along the routes leading to Alargano.

He added that during the operations, troops had to clear Yajiwa, Joba, Mosa, Ariwuzumari, Missene Sansan and Kagalmari villages, all at the fringes of the Sambisa Forest.

He stated, "Our gallant troops finally entered Alagarno on March 28, 2016, during which several Boko Haram terrorists were killed along the route."

"This operation demystified the Boko Haram terrorists' spiritual power base in Alagarno. Throughout the operation, the NAF monitored the operation, consistently resupplied the advancing troops as well as assisted in

evacuating soldiers that were wounded in action."

Irabor, while claiming that the military had recorded tremendous successes against the insurgents, said in the last one month, Nigerian troops captured Kumshe.

He noted that this was achieved in conjunction with Cameroonian forces.

He explained that during the operation, 24 insurgents were killed while one truck,

mounted with anti-aircraft gun, two AK 47 rifles as well as 60mm mortar were captured.

The commander said the military remained steadfast in ending the war on a successful note, adding that a recent video of Boko Haram leader, Abubakar Shekau, showing remorse, would not stop the military from pursuing the terrorists out of circulation.

Irabor added, "Regarding

the online video clip, purportedly released by the Boko Haram terrorists leader or his replica, showing remorse and making a dying testimony, let me unequivocally state that it does not have any influence on Operation Lafiya Dole as our gallant troops are determined to completely wipe out all terrorists in our great country Nigeria."

Meanwhile, troops of the

One Division Nigeria of the Nigerian Army and other security agencies have arrested 15 suspected cattle rustlers in the North-West.

The Acting Director, Army Public Relations, Col. Sani Usman, said in a statement on Tuesday that the troops also recovered 1,307 livestock from the rustlers during an operation, against cattle rustling, banditry and criminality in the zone.



• L-R: President Muhammadu Buhari; Senator Oluremi Tinubu; and Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, during the 8th Bola Tinubu Colloquium in Abuja... on Tuesday. Photo: Olatunji Obasa

Abducted colonel found dead in Kaduna

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A Senior Nigerian Army Officer, Col. Samaila Inusa, who was reportedly abducted at gunpoint at the Refinery Junction in Chikun Local Government of Kaduna State was found dead on Tuesday.

The Nigerian Army authority told newsmen in a statement that Inusa's body was found in Kaduna. He was suspected that he was killed the same day he was abducted.

According to a statement signed by the Acting Director Army Public Relations, Col.

Sani Kukasheka Usman, "Preliminary investigation revealed that most likely the late senior officer was killed the same day he was kidnapped by his abductors. This is because the body was found already decomposing around Ajyaita village off Eastern Bypass Kaduna,

Kaduna State.

"The Nigerian Army wishes to regrettably inform the public that Colonel Samaila Inusa who was kidnapped on Sunday, 27th of March 2016, was found dead today (Tuesday) at about 6pm.

"Arrangements are in progress to move the body to the 44 Nigerian Army Reference Hospital, Kaduna. May His soul rest

Community uncovers seven corpses in Rivers' pit

**Friday Amobi,
Port Harcourt**

farmer perceived an offensive odour in the bush and traced

Emmanuel further revealed that the killings

were already smelling. There is fear in the community