

# Troops arrest three B'Haram's commanders, kill 20

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*Boko Haram*

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Troops of the Nigerian Army and their Cameroonian counterparts have arrested three top Boko Haram Commanders of 'Ameer' class in a joint operation.

The Acting Director, Army Public Relations, Col. Sani Usman, gave the names of the arrested terrorists commander as Lawal Abba, Mallam Hisna and Mallam Gana.

Usman said in a statement on Tuesday that the troops of the 152 and 155 battalions and the counterparts from the Multinational Joint Task Force from Cameroon who carried out

the joint operation also killed 20 members of the deadly sect.

The acting Army spokesman said that the troops also destroyed 10 of the camps of the insurgents and released some of the people held hostage by them during the joint action.

According to him, a total of 1,275 hostages were rescued from the insurgents during the operation.

He said that the troops of the 152 Battalion were screening the rescued hostages in preparation for their movement to Internally Displaced Persons camps.

Usman said that the troops also cleared the insurgents from areas erstwhile occupied by them such as Nbaga, Bula, Dabube, Ybiri, Greya and Suduwa towns and other adjoining settlements.

Also, the Nigerian Air Force has said that its fighter pilots have destroyed a logistic base of the Boko Haram in Borno State.

The Director of Information of the NAF, Group Capt. Ayodele Famuyiwa, said in a statement on Tuesday, that the NAF pilots destroyed the Boko Haram's logistic base at Kangarawa, Borno State on Monday.

Famuyiwa said that the scale of the explosion and the inferno from the footage of the air strike indicated that the base must have been a fuel or ammunition dump for the insurgents.

He described the strike as "another major setback for the insurgents, while providing tangible evidence of many of the recent successes recorded by the air component of Operation Lafiya Dole."

Meanwhile, the Nigerian Army has said that the members of the Boko Haram Sect are

fleeing from their Sambisa Forest hideout in large numbers.

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